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IN ARCHIE HISTORY

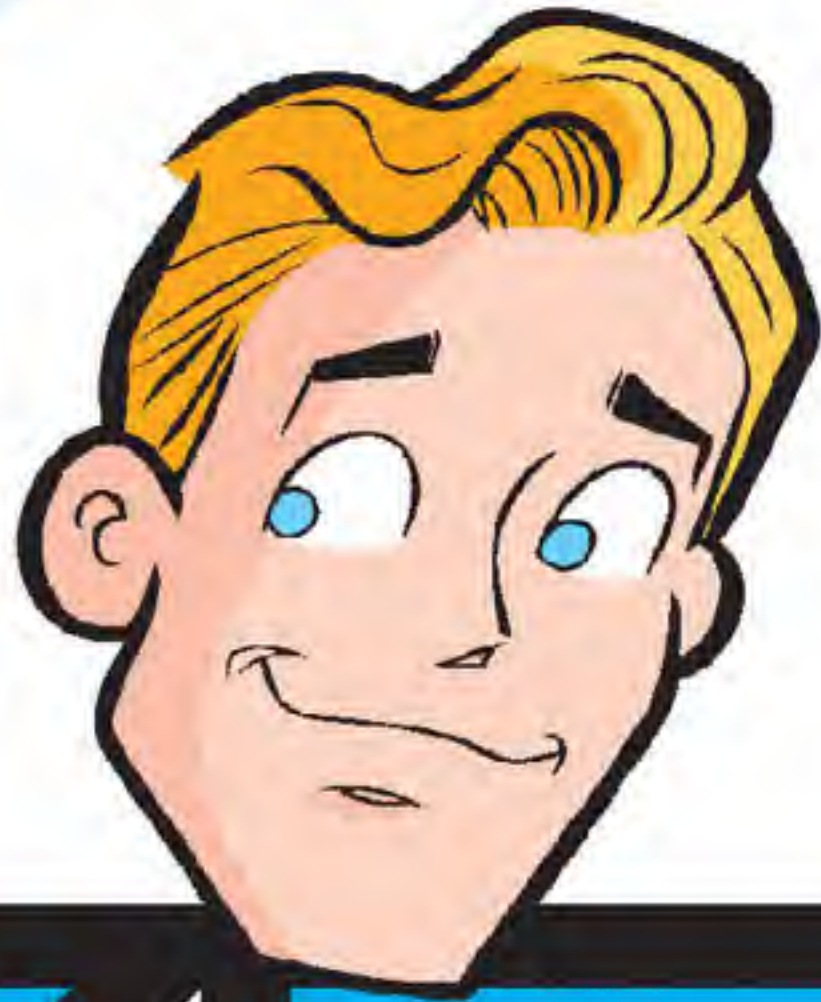


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Archie 75 Series





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WELCOME TO THE ARCHIE 75 SERIES, WHERE WE TAKE A CELEBRATORY LOOK AT SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT STORIES IN ARCHIE COMICS' 75-YEAR HISTORY!



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It's a new beginning for Kevin Keller! In this first issue of his own ongoing series, we get the chance to experience some very special firsts with Kevin: he's just been elected Riverdale High class president and he's been published in the Riverdale newspaper. Could his life get any more exciting? You bet it can! Now Kevin's getting ready to go on his first date in Riverdale!

- **KEVIN KELLER #006, 2012: "BY GEORGE!"**

This extra special, out of this world story features a guest appearance by TV icon George Takei! When the gang gets a school assignment to write about a person who has inspired them, Kevin chooses George Takei, the legendary Star Trek actor who came out as gay several years ago, and who has made great strides as an LGBT activist! Kevin travels to a local convention to meet him, unaware that Mr. Takei, moved by Kevin's article, has made a trip to Riverdale to pay him a visit! Oh my! Will Kevin make it back in time to meet his idol? You'll just have to read on to find out!

- **KEVIN KELLER #010, 2013: "A KISS ISN'T JUST A KISS"**

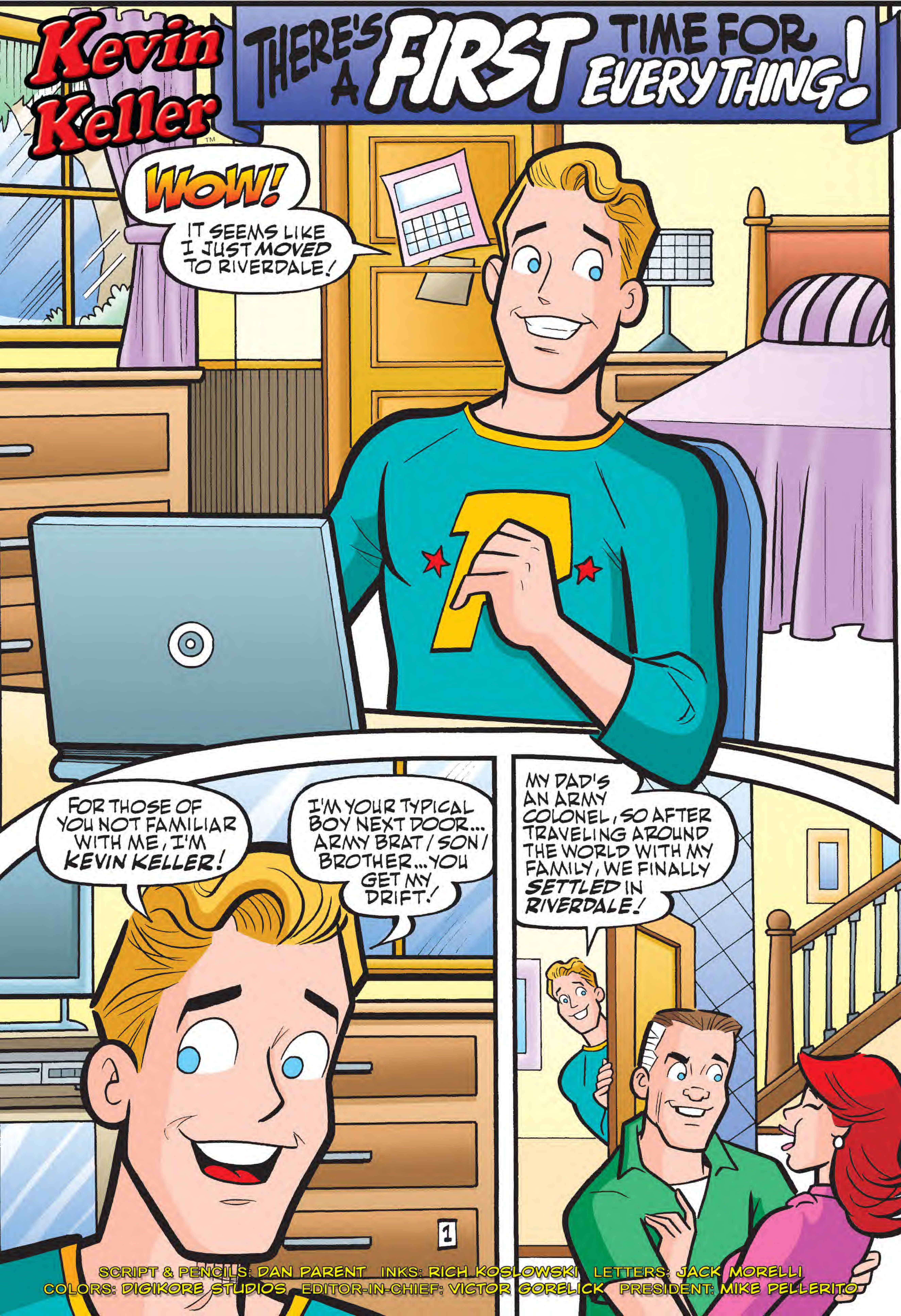
We've seen Kevin Keller's first date, now it's time for his first kiss! Many people have different opinions of PDA (public displays of affection), and how sometimes it can be inappropriate, but other times it goes too far. However, when Kevin gives his new boyfriend Devon a simple goodbye kiss, reactions ignite in a peculiar fashion.

- **KEVIN KELLER #011, 2013: "CHARITY, SHMARITY!"**

Kevin and his BFF Veronica: fighting?! What could possibly set mild-mannered Kevin Keller off enough to engage in a full-on battle with his former bestie? A squabble over a charity event turns into an all-out war—but when they take their feud public, Kevin may learn some things about himself as well as some of his close friends that he couldn't quite read before!







**Kevin Keller**

THERE'S A **FIRST** TIME FOR EVERYTHING!

**WOW!**

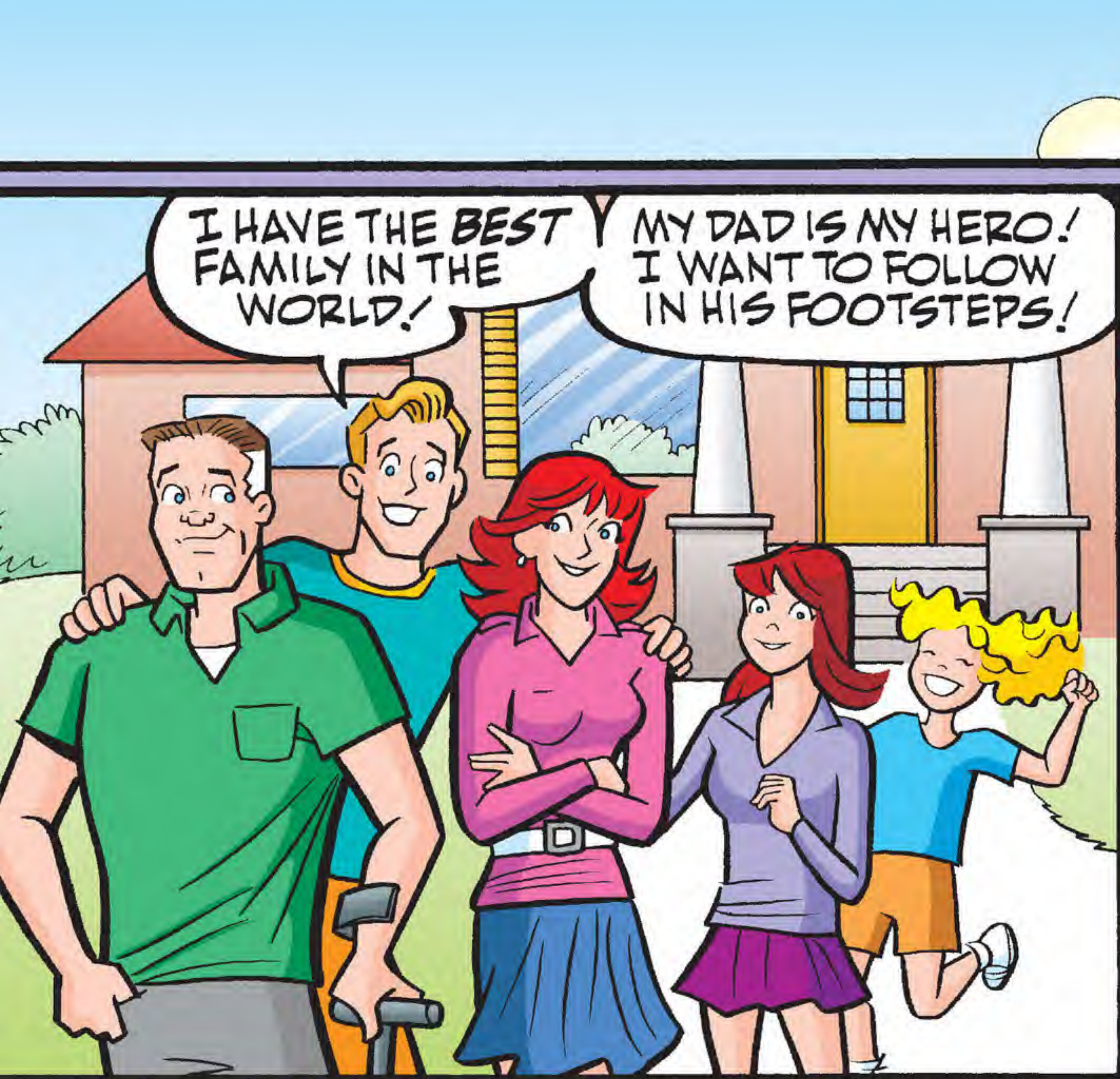
IT SEEMS LIKE I JUST MOVED TO RIVERDALE!

FOR THOSE OF YOU NOT FAMILIAR WITH ME, I'M KEVIN KELLER!

I'M YOUR TYPICAL BOY NEXT DOOR... ARMY BRAT / SON / BROTHER... YOU GET MY DRIFT!

MY DAD'S AN ARMY COLONEL, SO AFTER TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD WITH MY FAMILY, WE FINALLY SETTLED IN RIVERDALE!



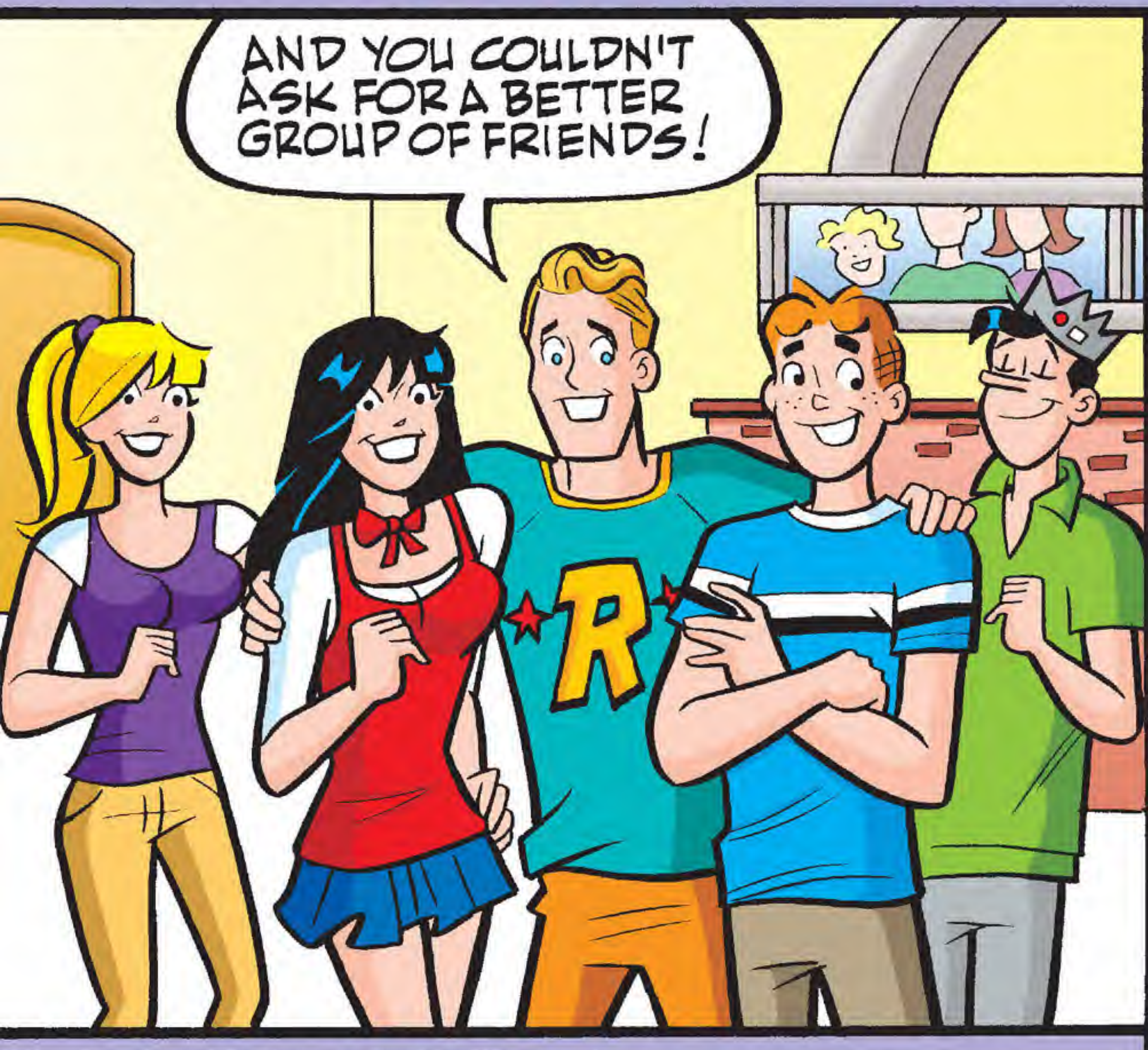


I HAVE THE BEST FAMILY IN THE WORLD!

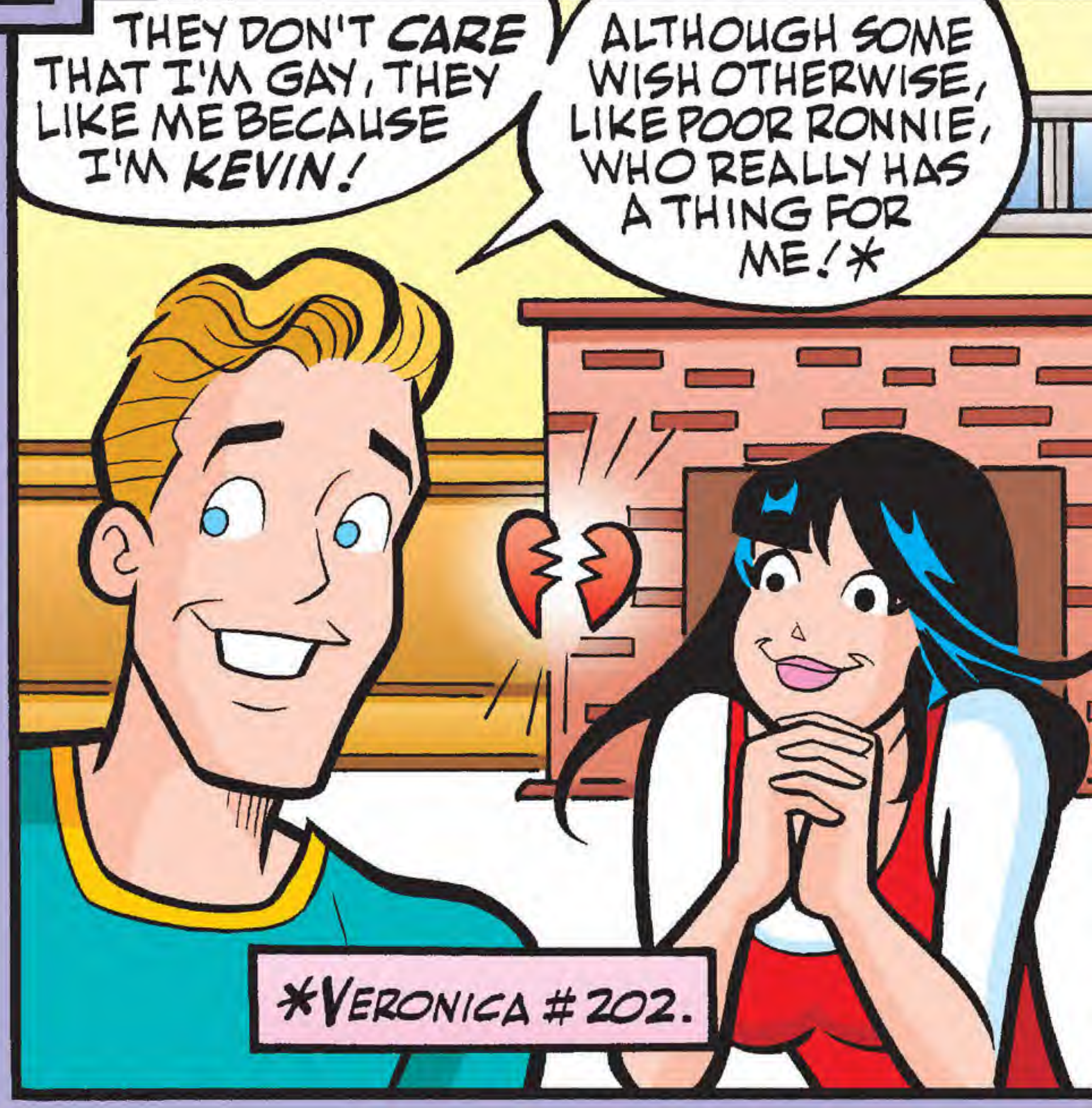
MY DAD IS MY HERO! I WANT TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS!



NOW I LIVE IN THE BEST TOWN IN THE WORLD!



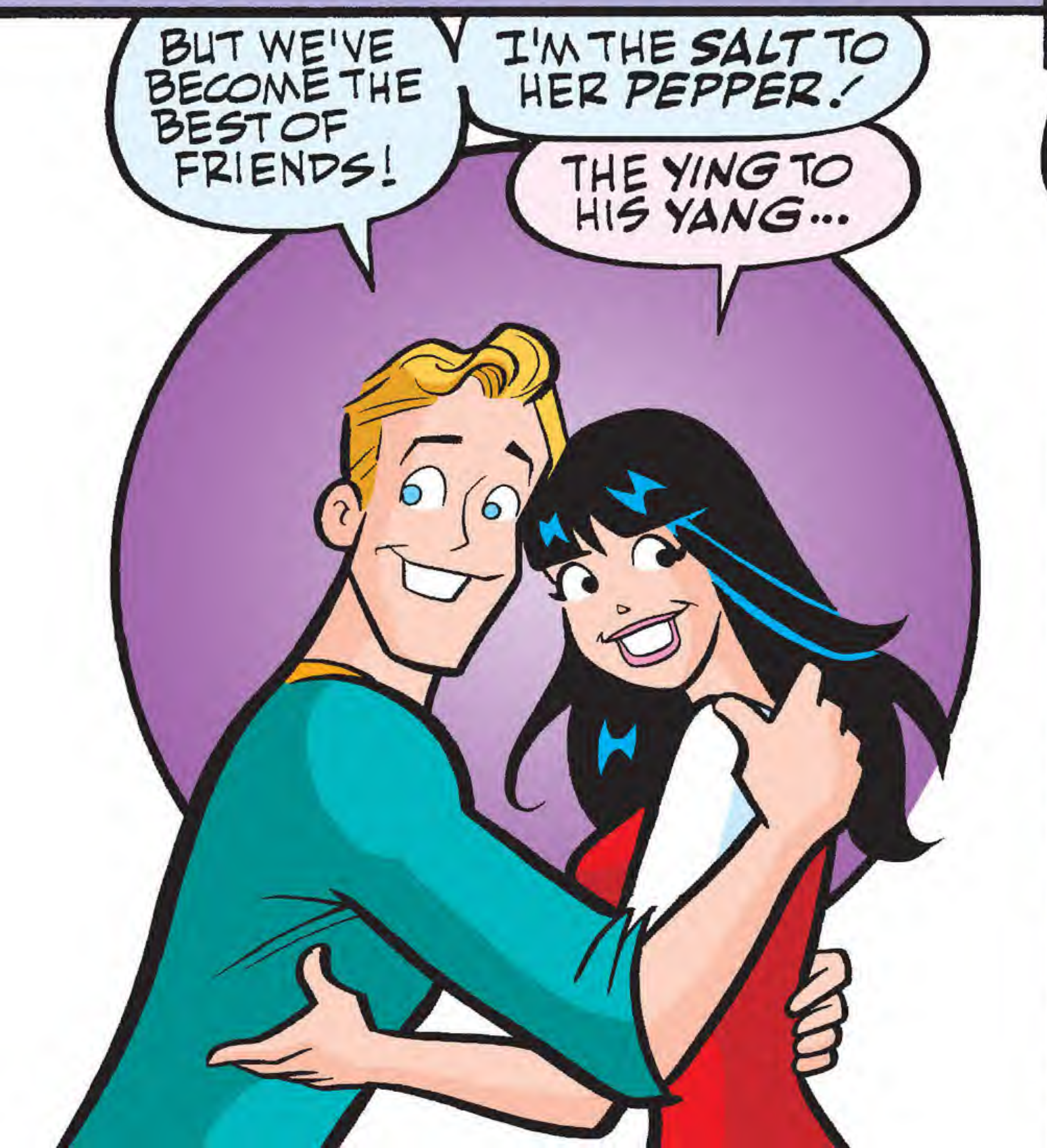
AND YOU COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER GROUP OF FRIENDS!



THEY DON'T CARE THAT I'M GAY, THEY LIKE ME BECAUSE I'M KEVIN!

ALTHOUGH SOME WISH OTHERWISE, LIKE POOR RONNIE, WHO REALLY HAS A THING FOR ME!\*

\*VERONICA # 202.



BUT WE'VE BECOME THE BEST OF FRIENDS!

I'M THE SALT TO HER PEPPER!

THE YING TO HIS YANG...



THE PEANUT BUTTER TO HIS JELLY!

THANKS, PATTY.

NOW STOP EAVES-DROPPING!!





THIS STORY CONTAINS A LOT OF **FIRSTS** FOR ME!

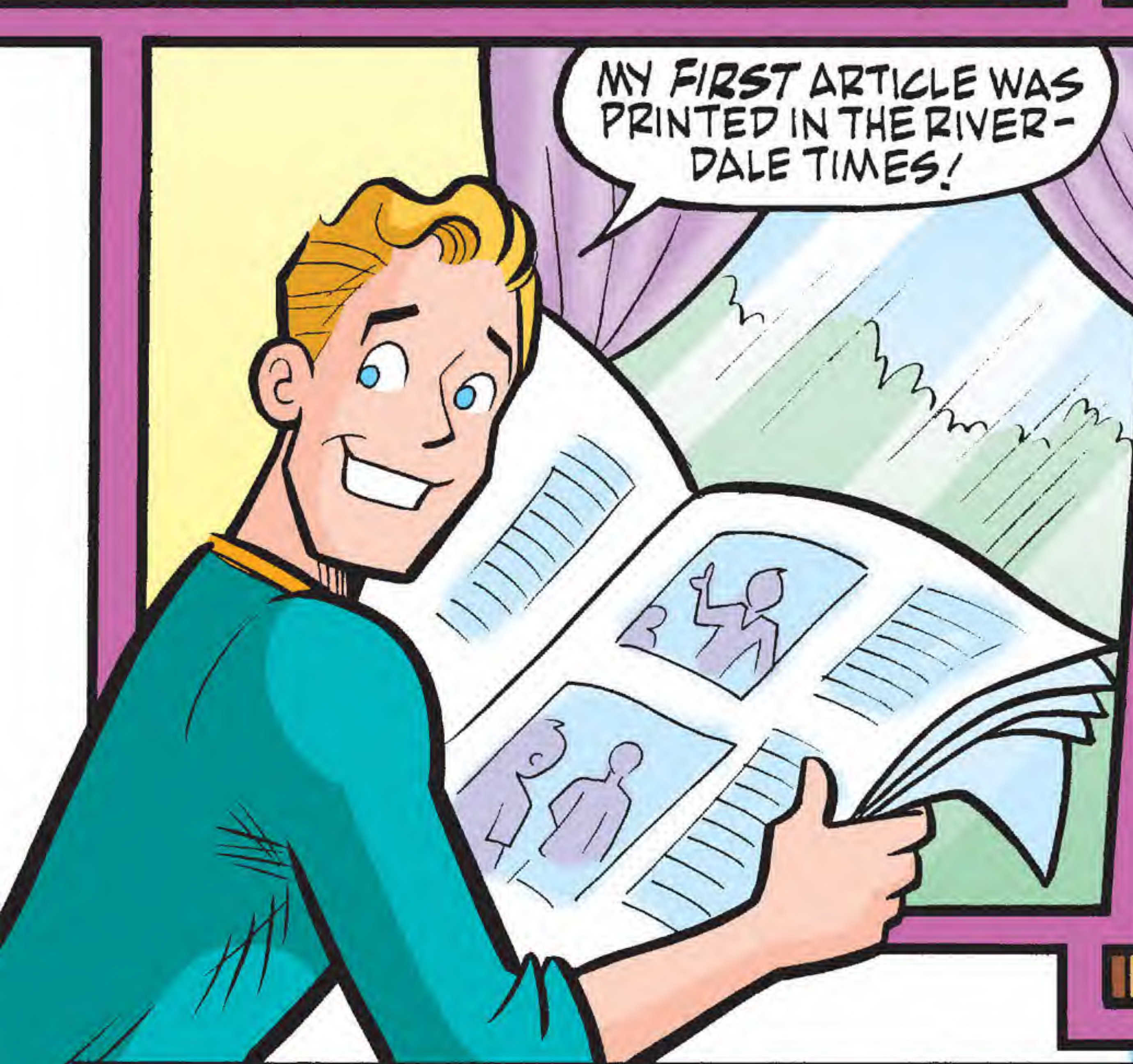
IT'S MY **FIRST** ISSUE!



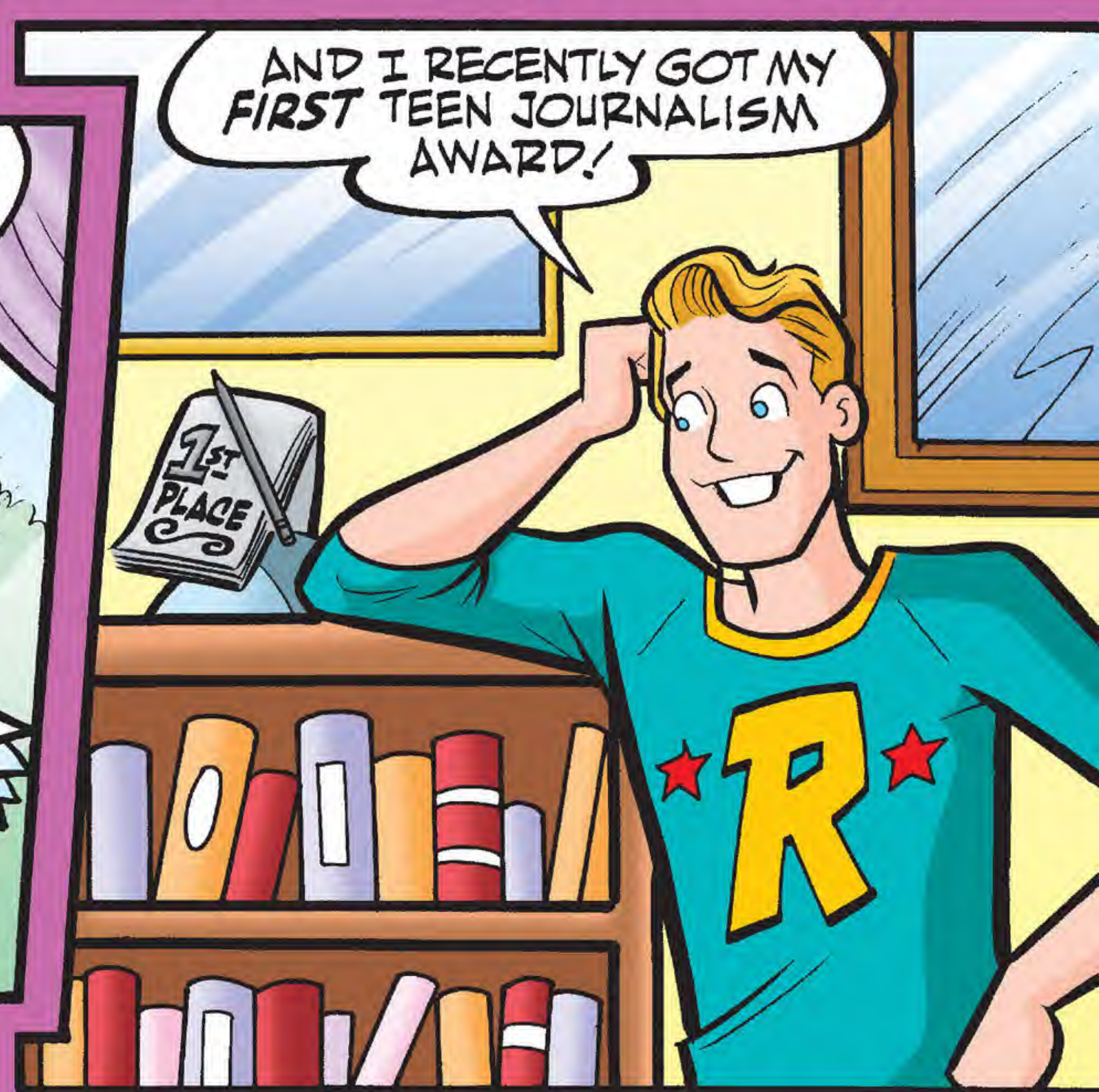
IT'S MY **FIRST** WEEK AS CLASS PRESIDENT AT SCHOOL!

THAT'S RIGHT! I WAS ELECTED **CLASS PRESIDENT!** \*

\* SEE VERONICA #210



MY **FIRST** ARTICLE WAS PRINTED IN THE RIVER-DALE TIMES!



AND I RECENTLY GOT MY **FIRST** TEEN JOURNALISM AWARD!



THINGS LOOK PRETTY PEACHY YOU MIGHT SAY! ALMOST PERFECT!

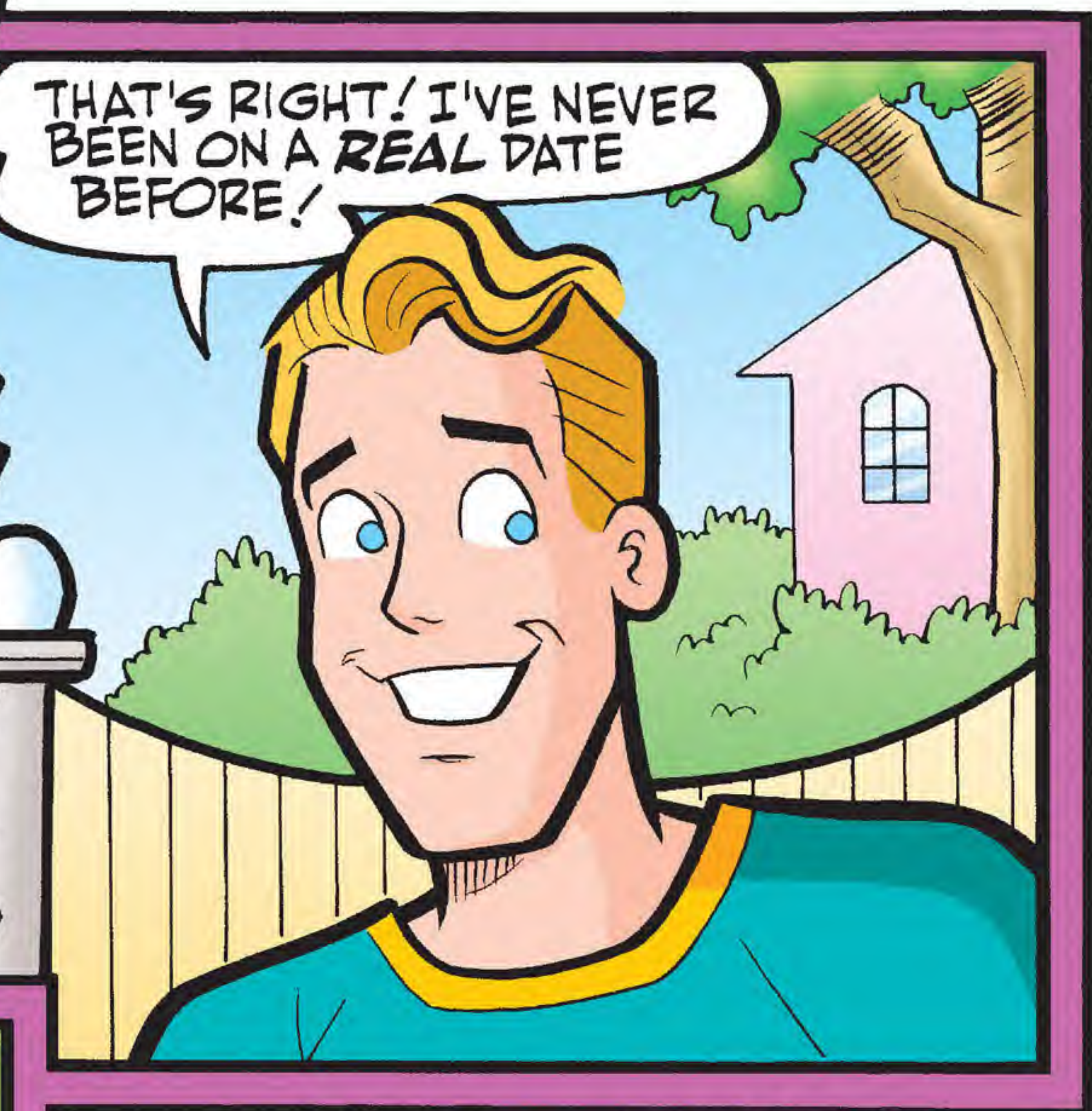


BUT THINGS ARE NEVER PERFECT! THERE'S ANOTHER "**FIRST**" THAT'S HAPPENED THAT'S KINDA FREAKIN' ME OUT...

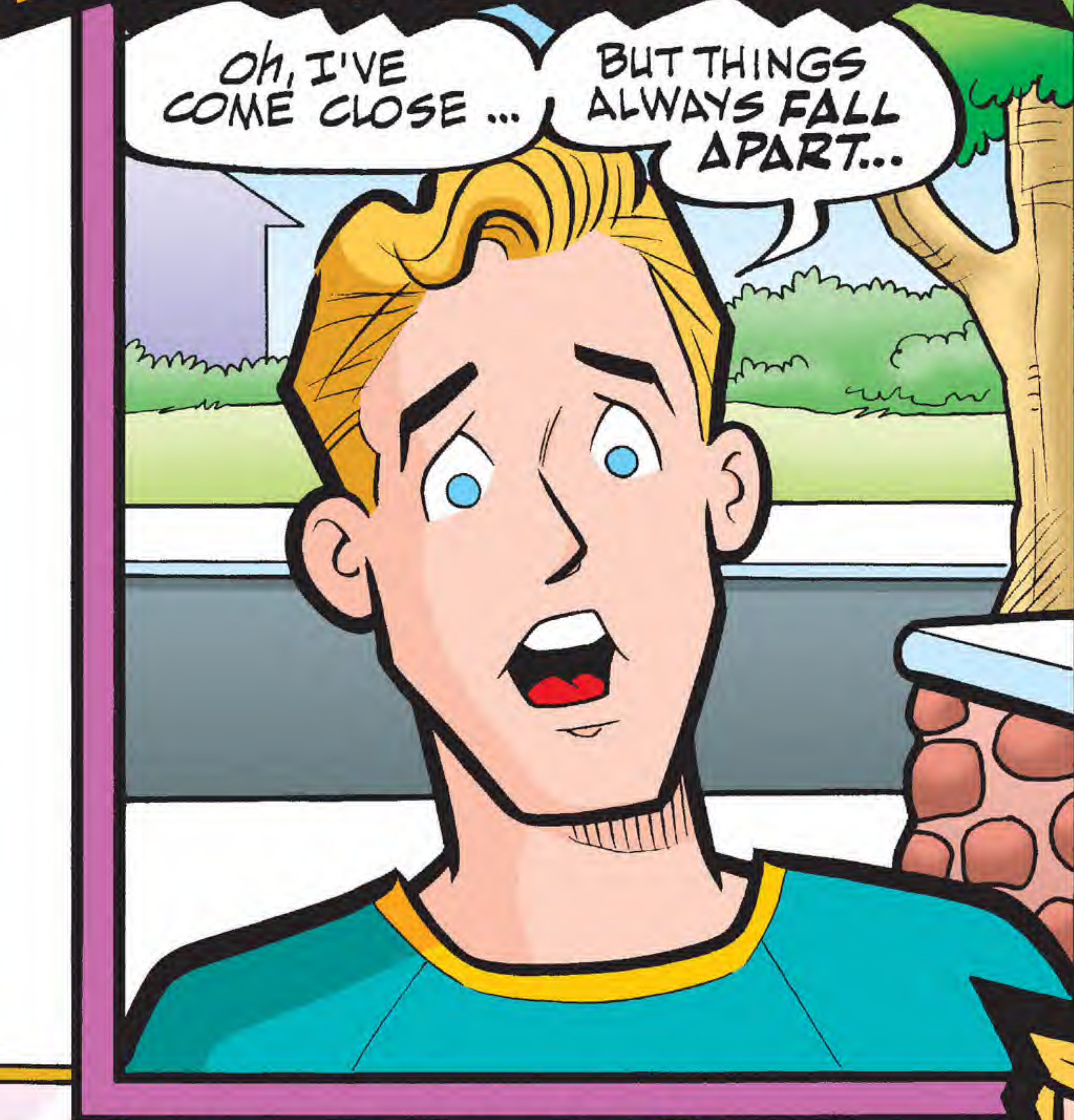




I WAS ASKED  
ON MY **FIRST**  
DATE.!

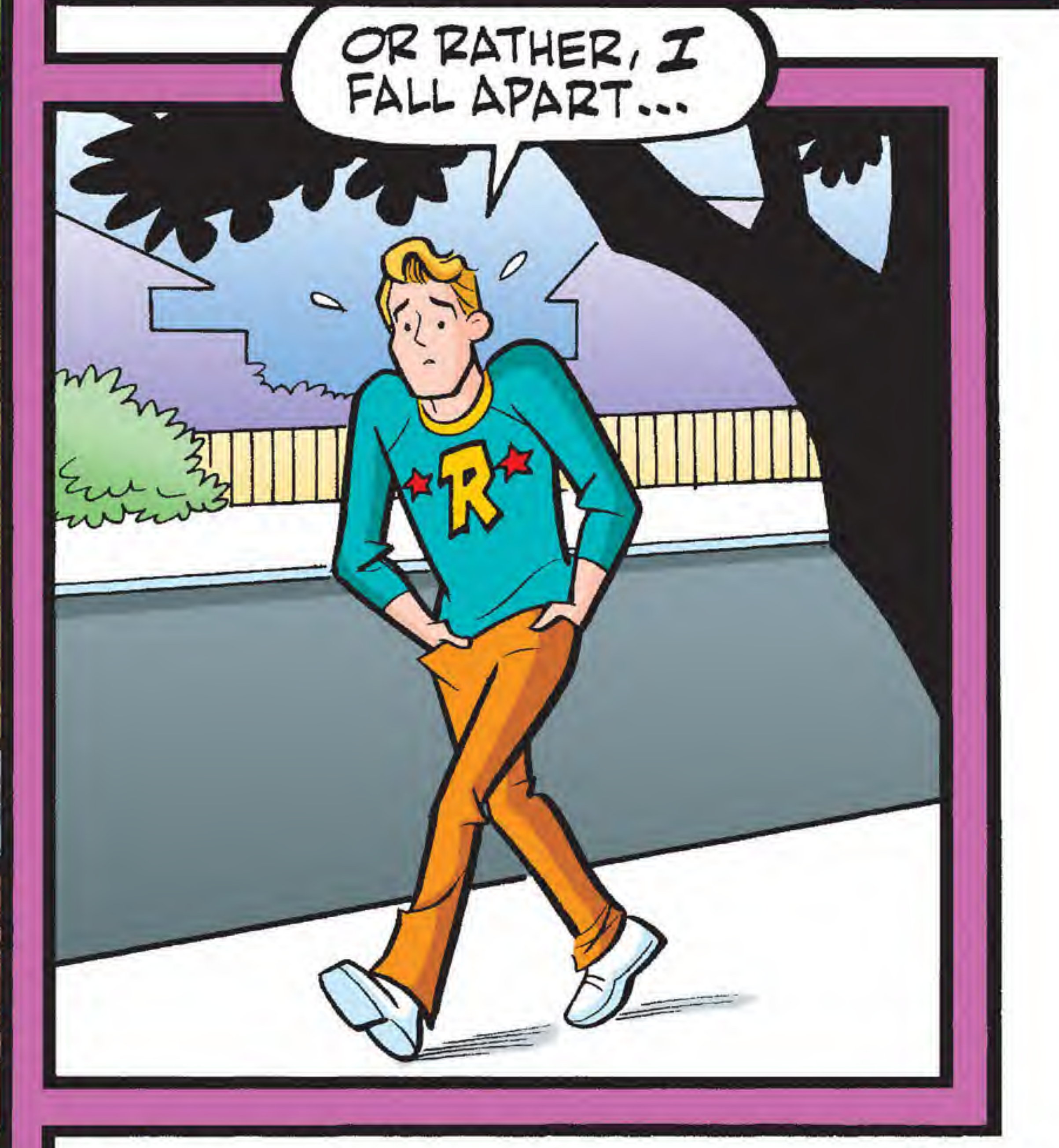


THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE NEVER  
BEEN ON A **REAL** DATE  
BEFORE.!

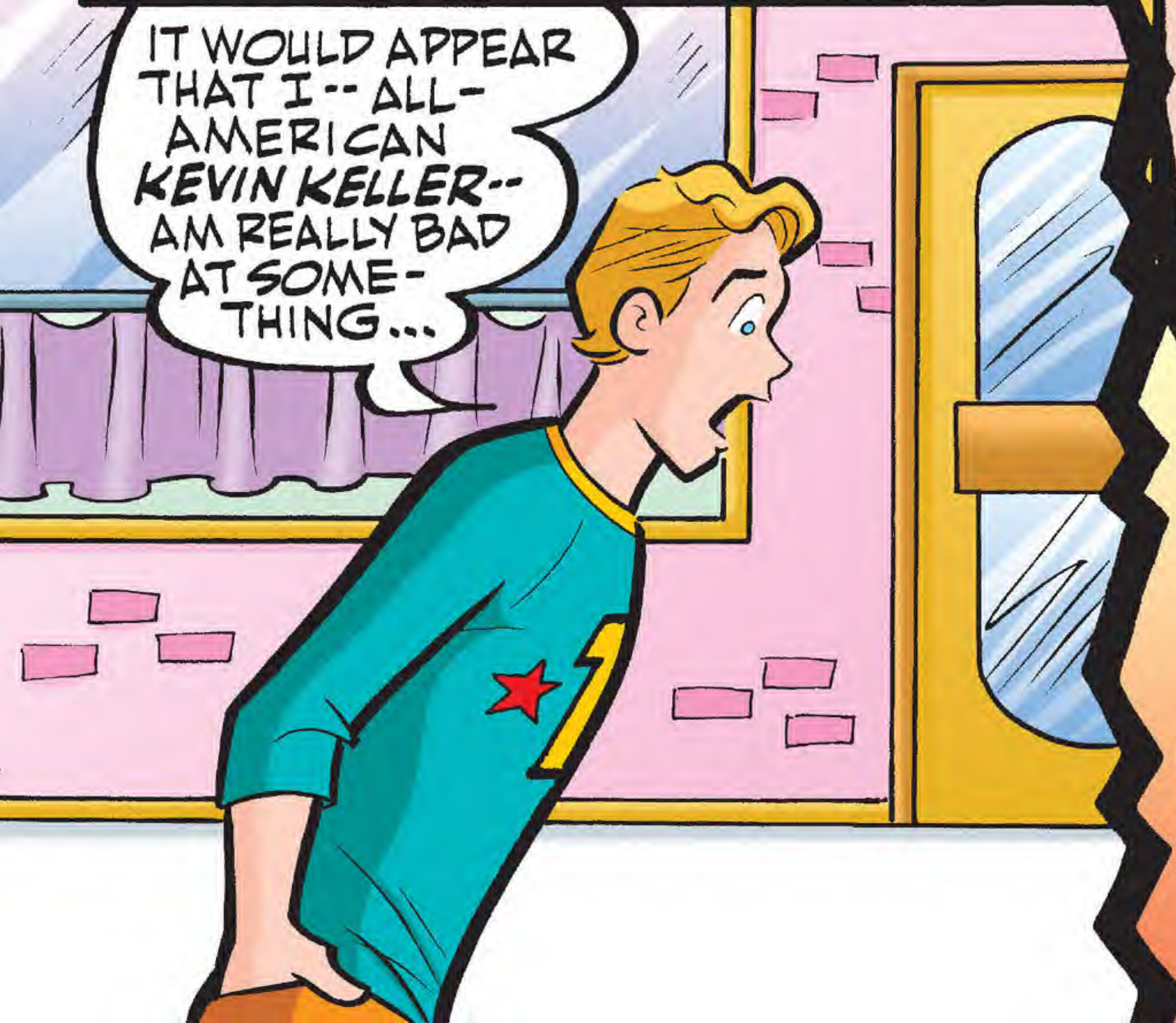


OH, I'VE  
COME CLOSE ...

BUT THINGS  
ALWAYS FALL  
APART...



OR RATHER, I  
FALL APART...



IT WOULD APPEAR  
THAT I-- ALL-  
AMERICAN  
**KEVIN KELLER**--  
AM REALLY BAD  
AT SOME-  
THING...



I'M A **LOUSY**  
DATER.!!

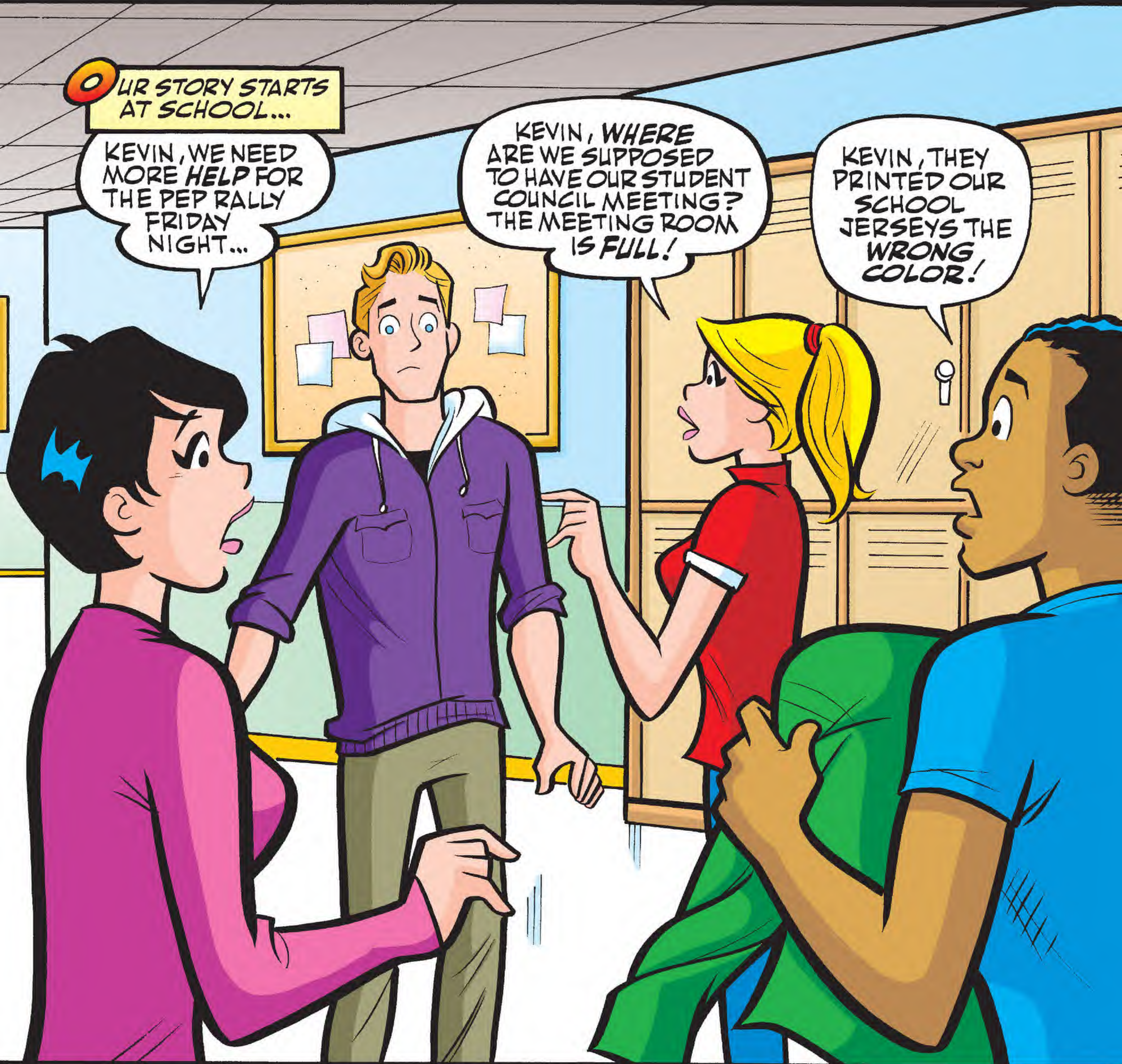


OUR STORY STARTS AT SCHOOL...

KEVIN, WE NEED MORE *HELP* FOR THE PEP RALLY FRIDAY NIGHT...

KEVIN, WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO HAVE OUR STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING? THE MEETING ROOM IS *FULL*!

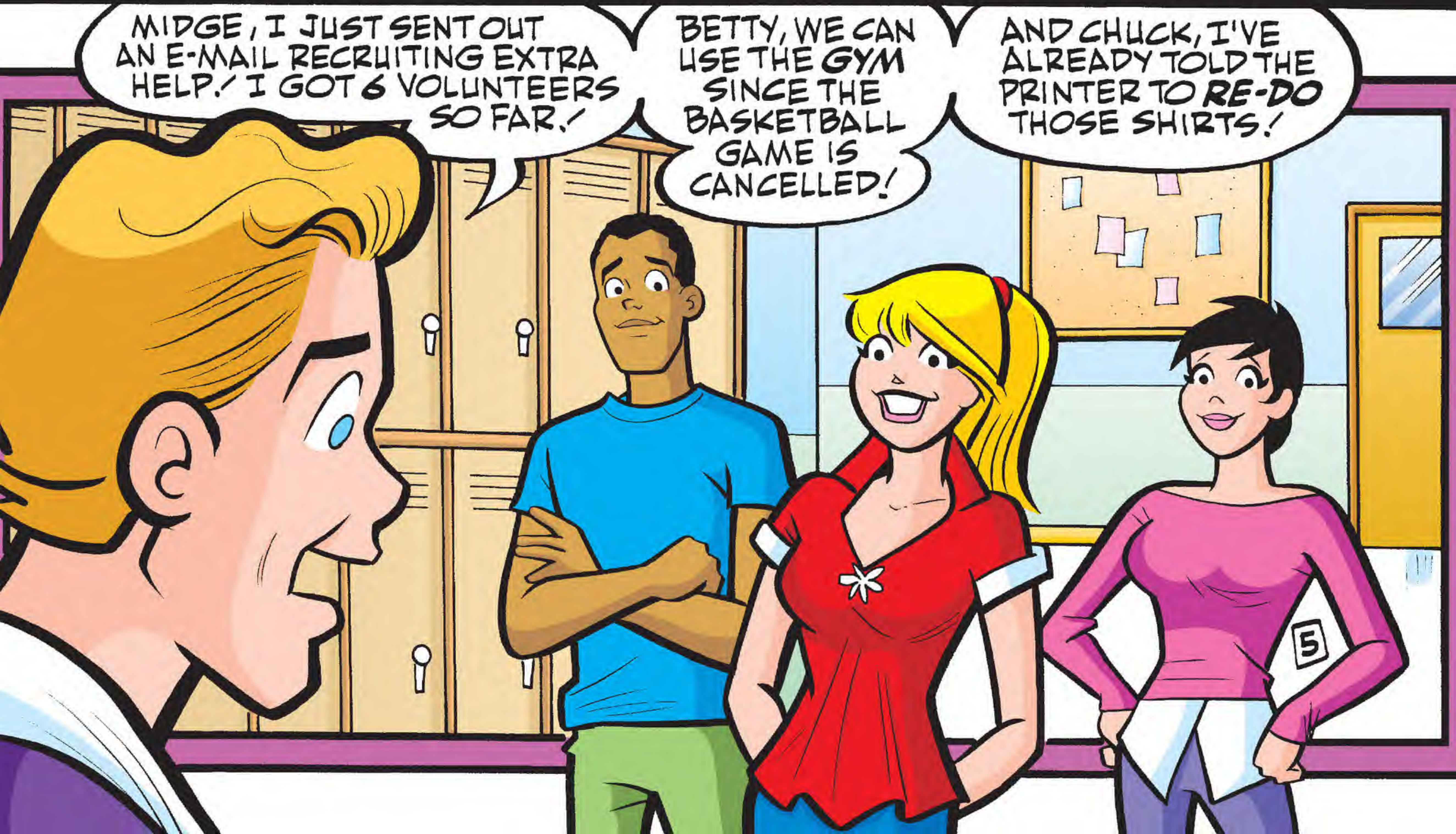
KEVIN, THEY PRINTED OUR SCHOOL JERSEYS THE *WRONG* COLOR!



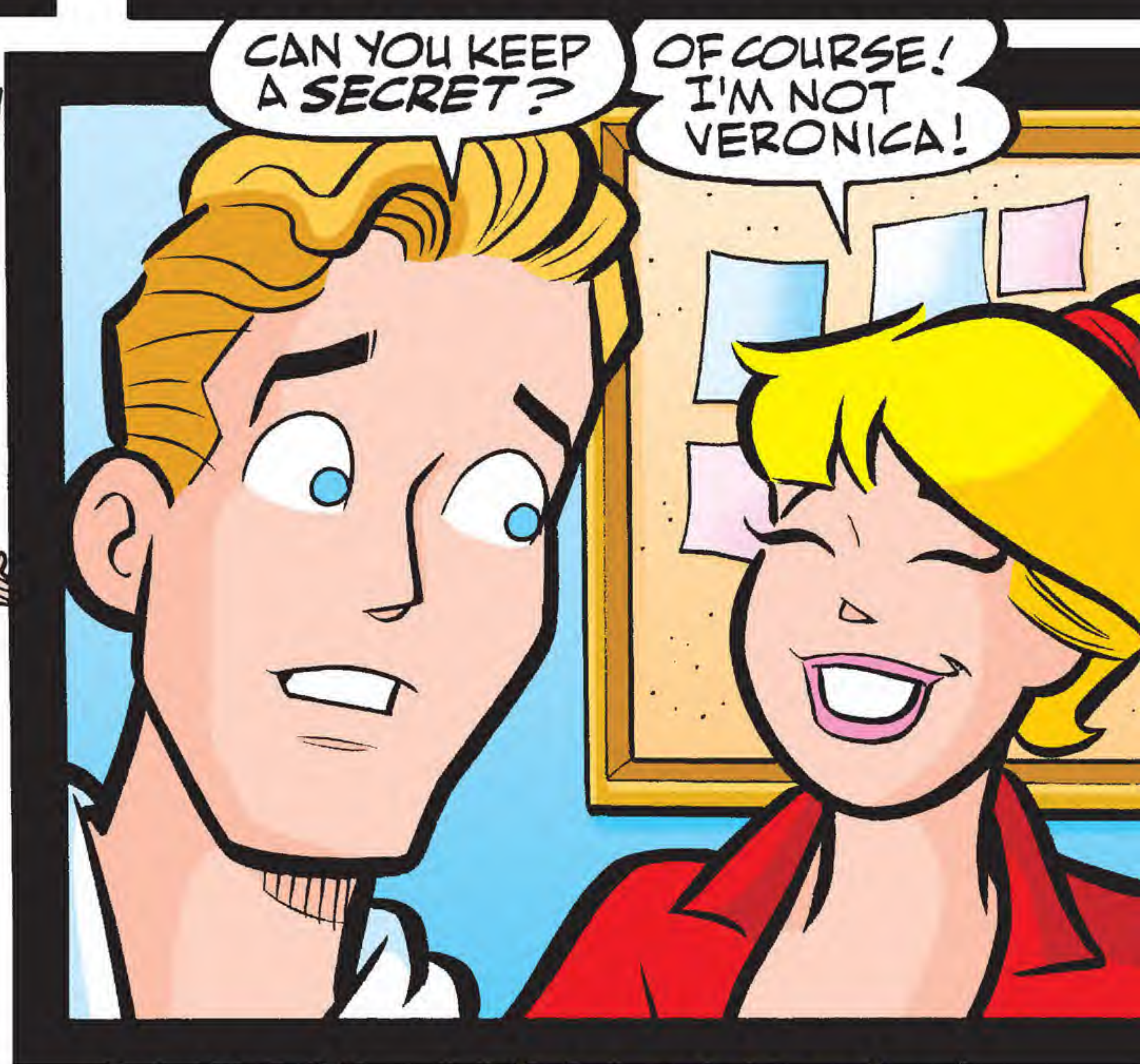
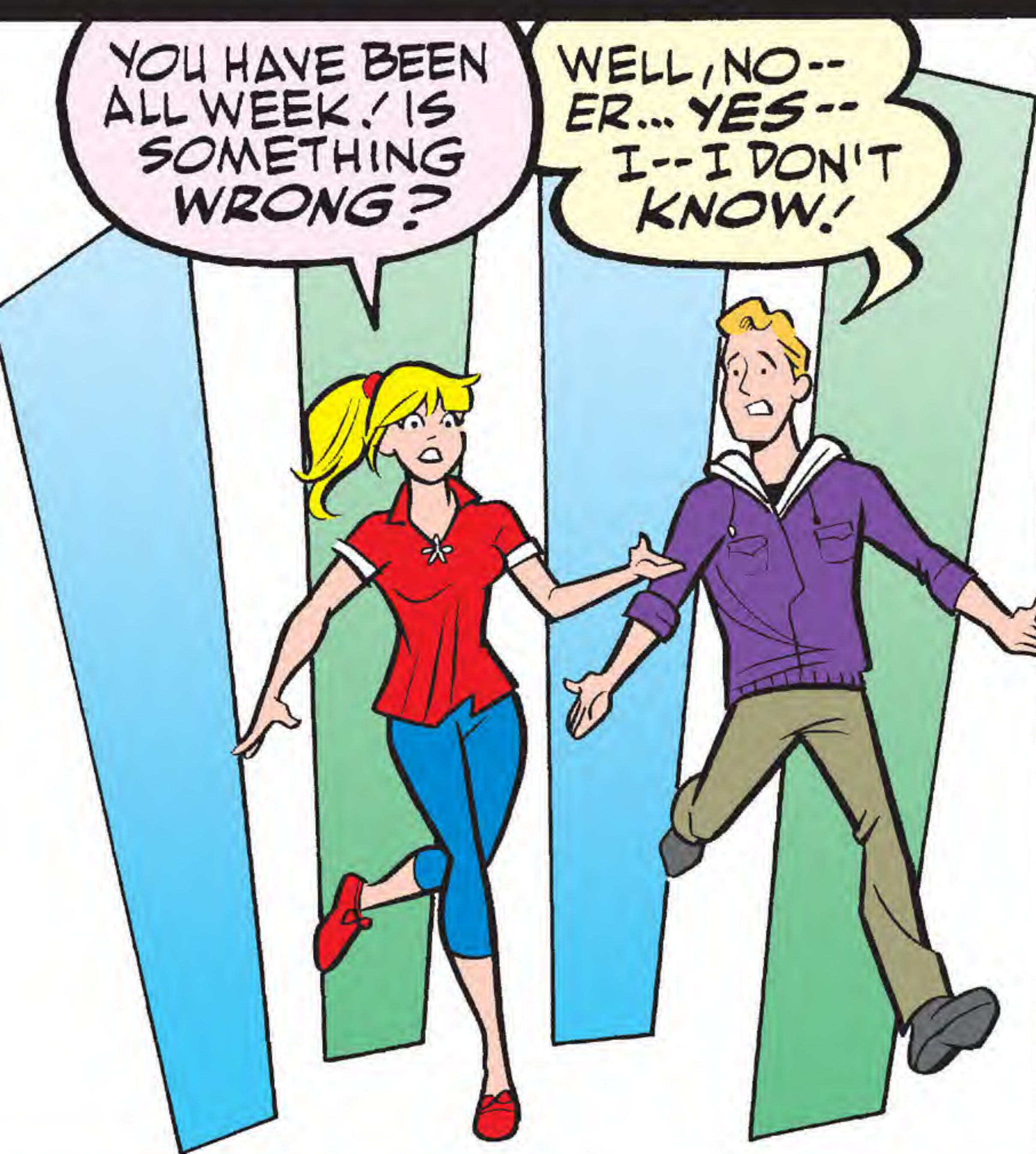
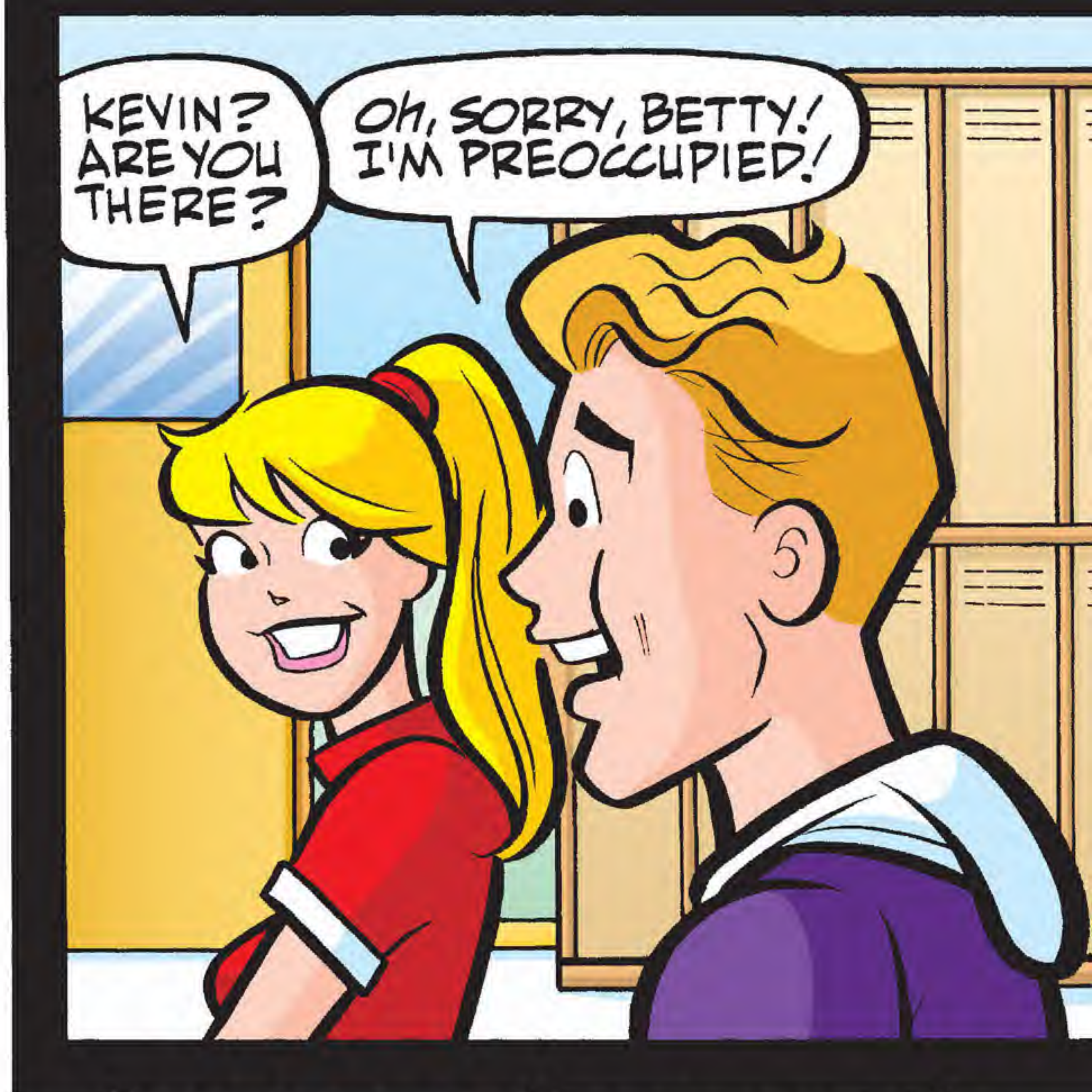
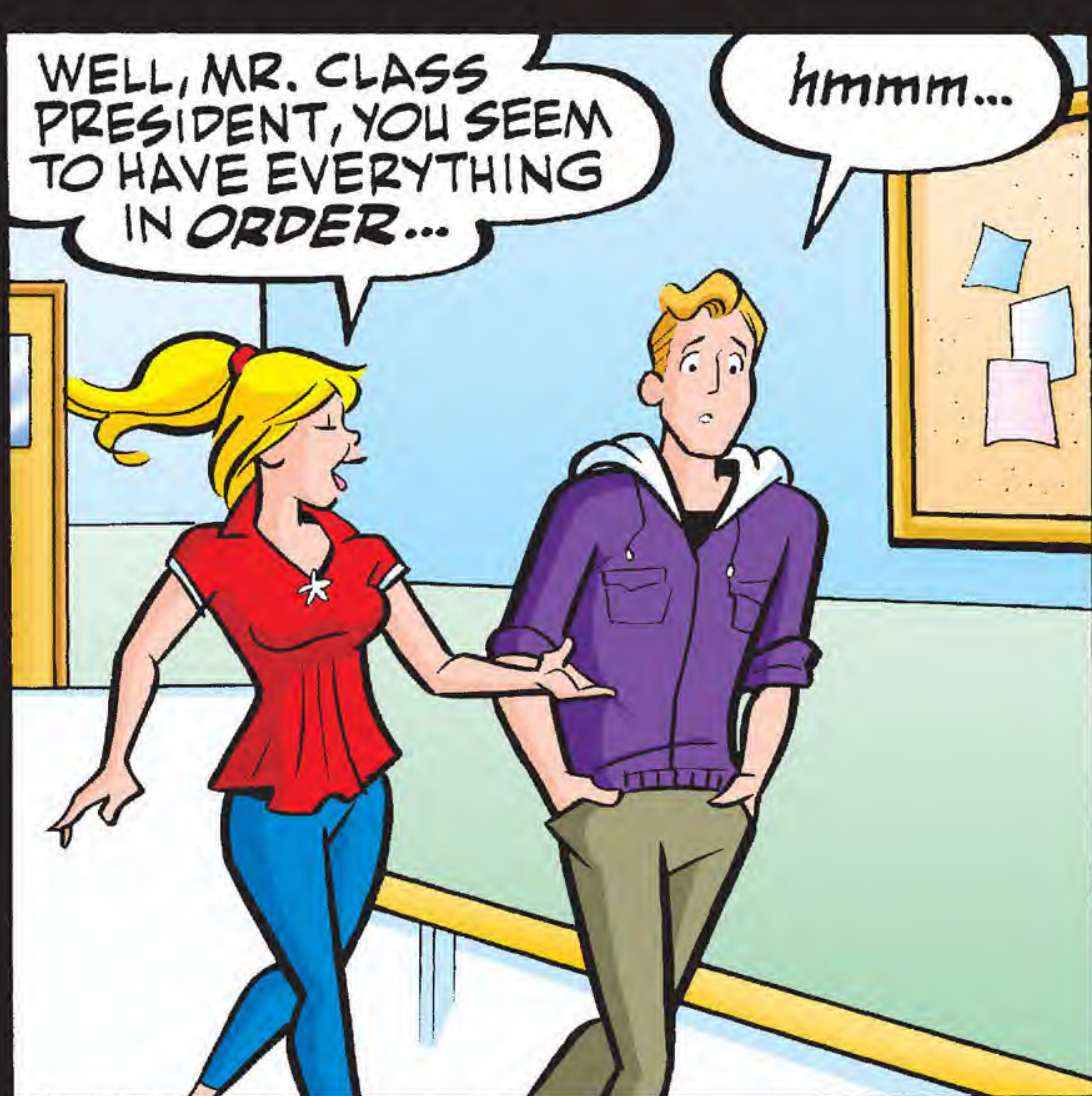
MIDGE, I JUST SENT OUT AN E-MAIL RECRUITING EXTRA HELP. I GOT 6 VOLUNTEERS SO FAR.

BETTY, WE CAN USE THE *GYM* SINCE THE BASKETBALL GAME IS CANCELLED!

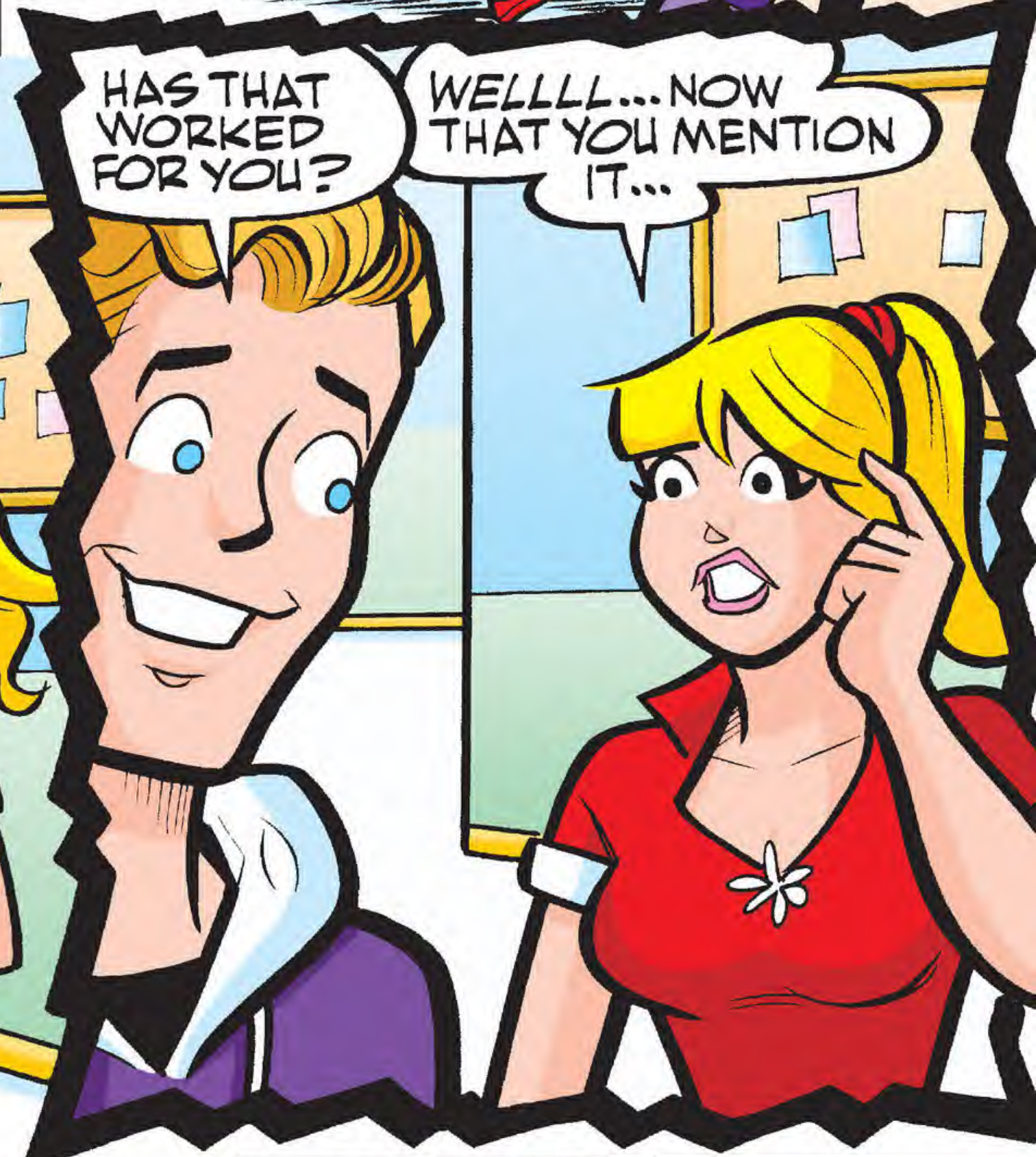
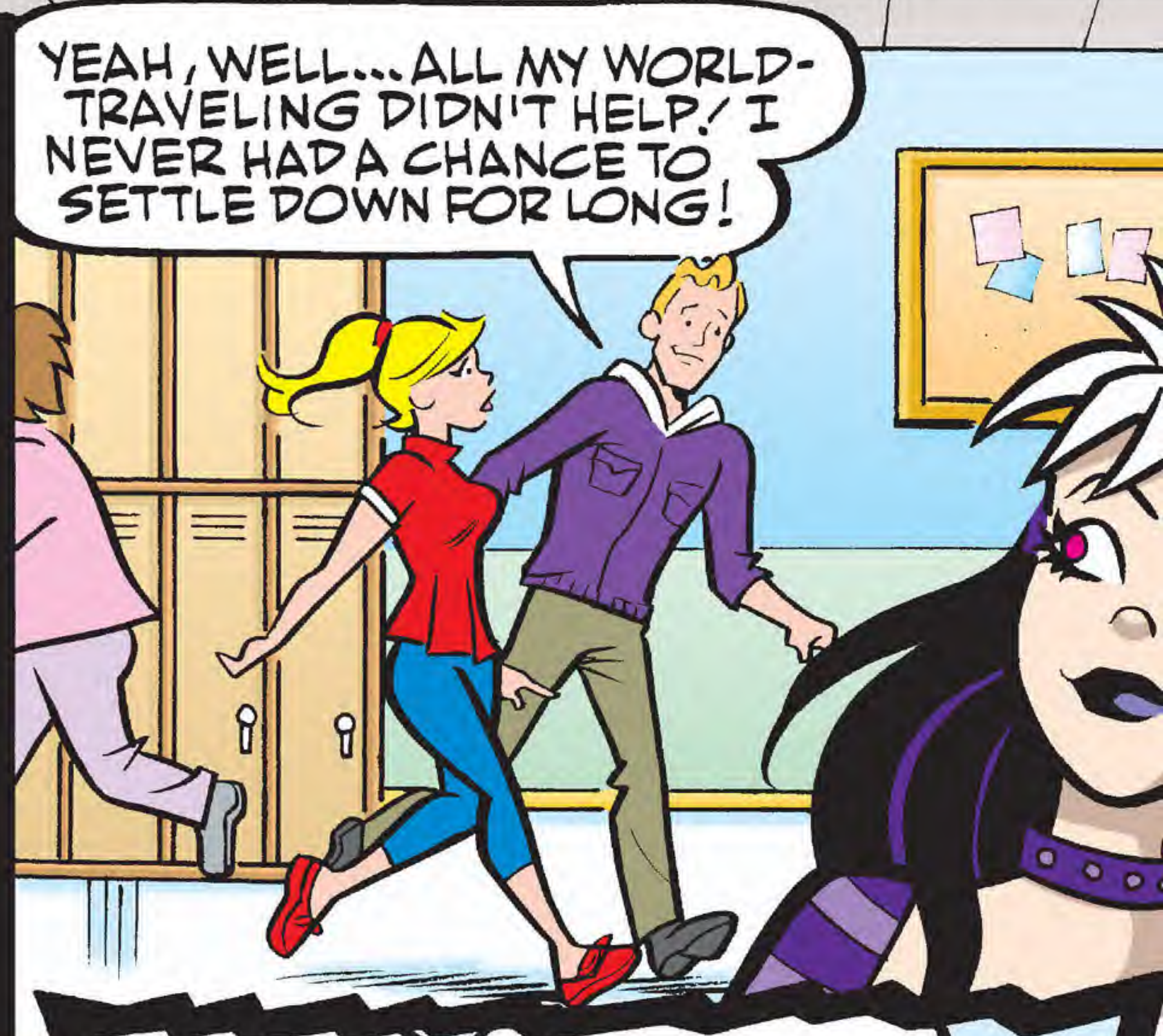
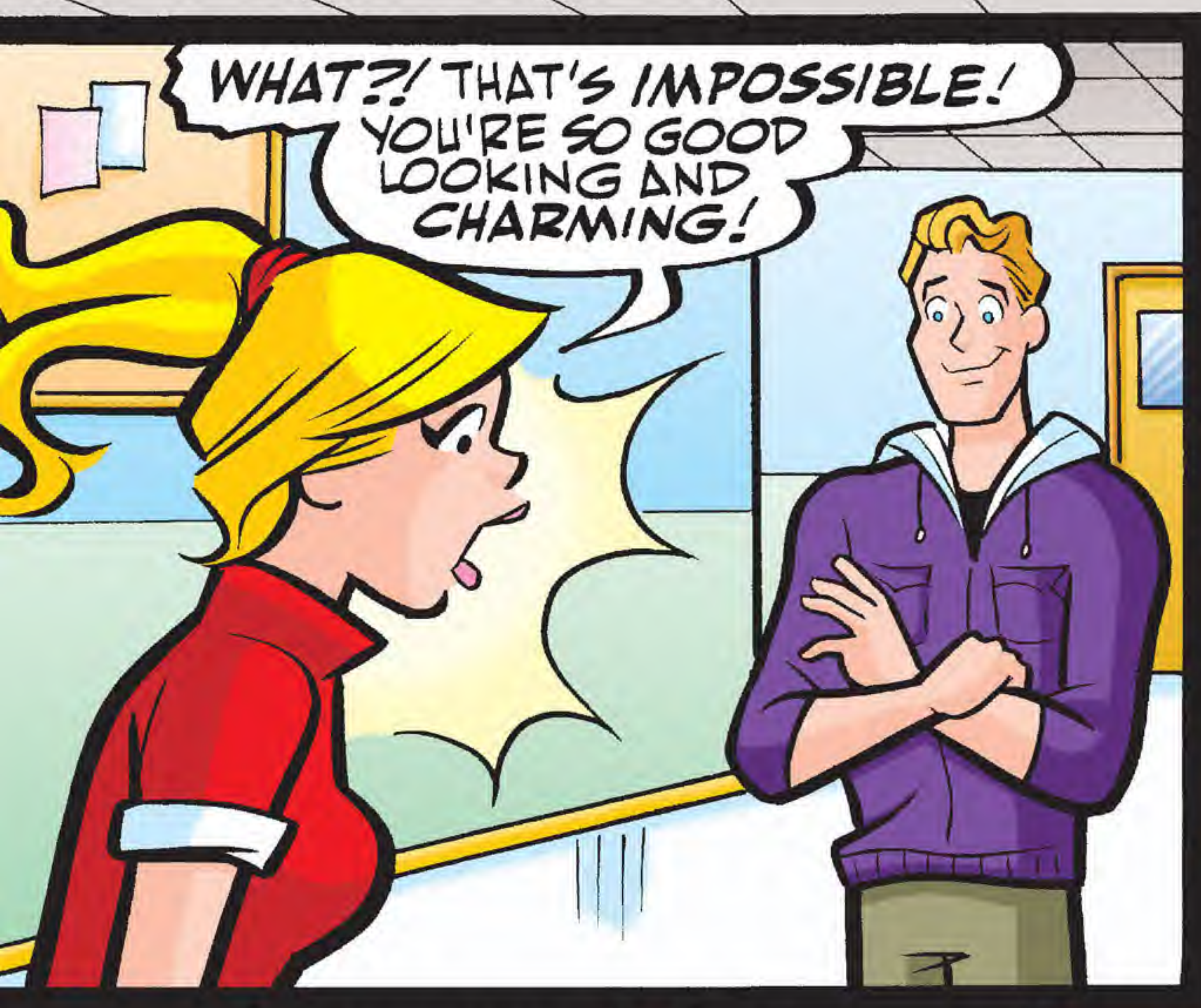
AND CHUCK, I'VE ALREADY TOLD THE PRINTER TO *RE-DO* THOSE SHIRTS!



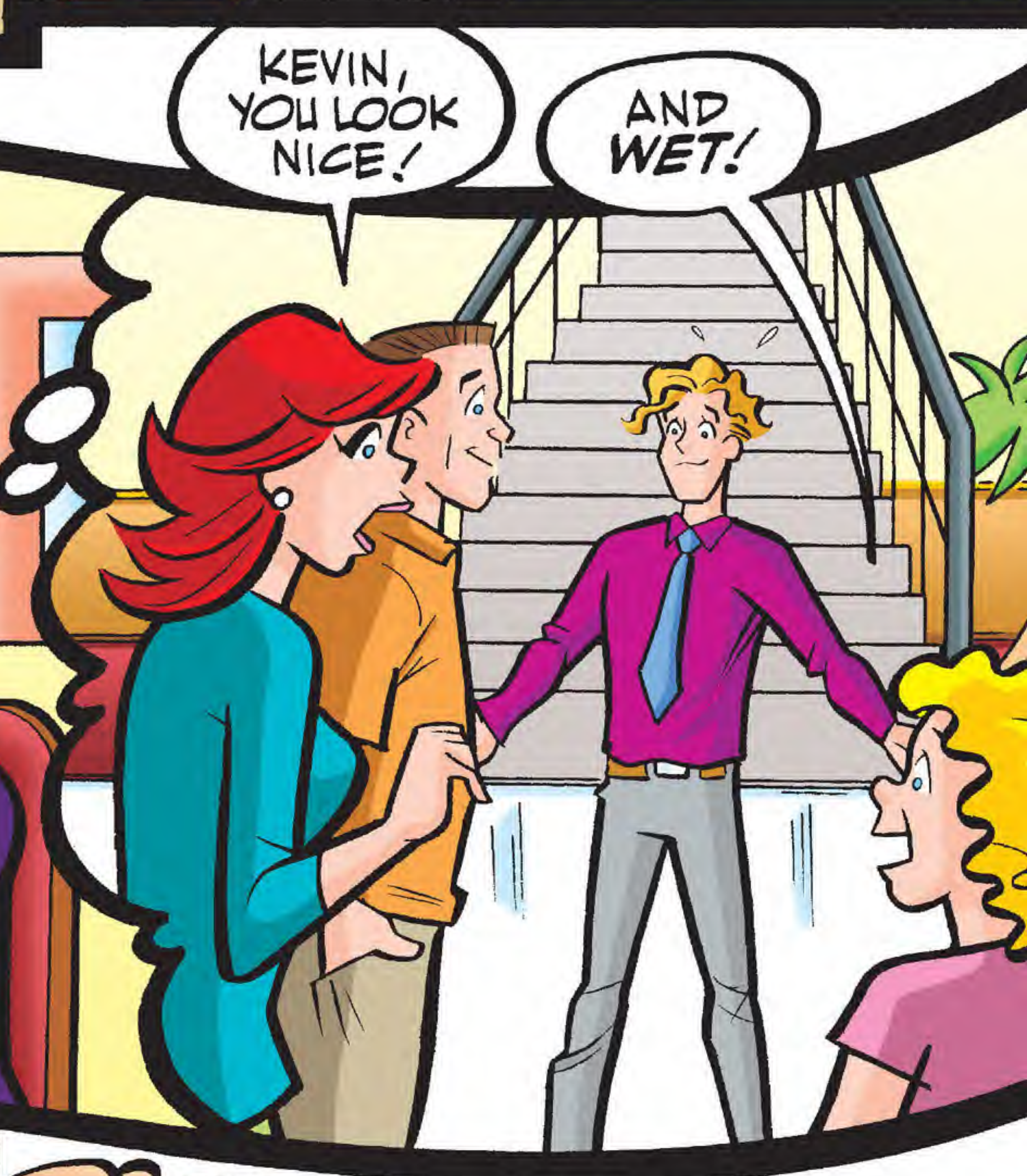
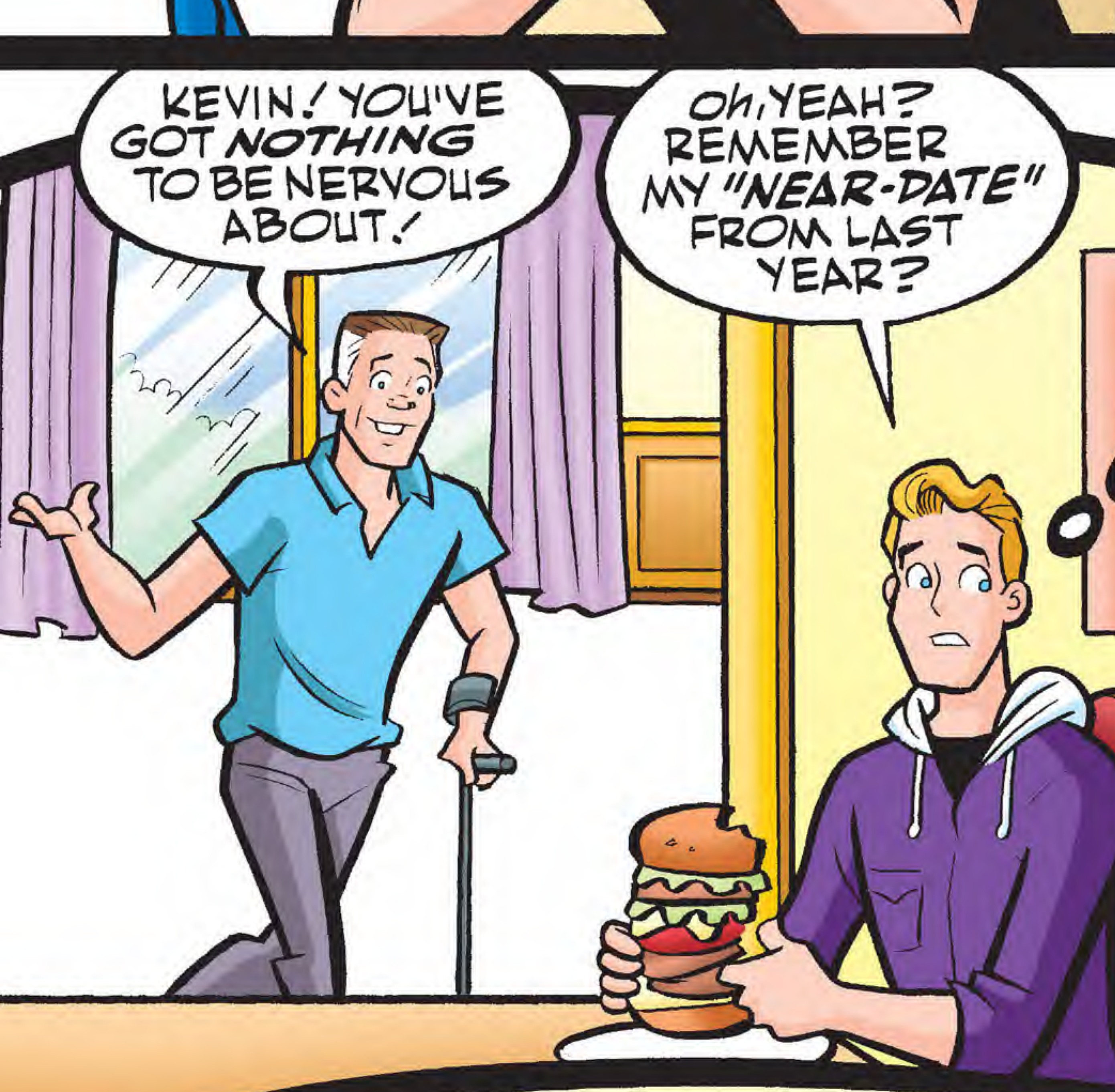




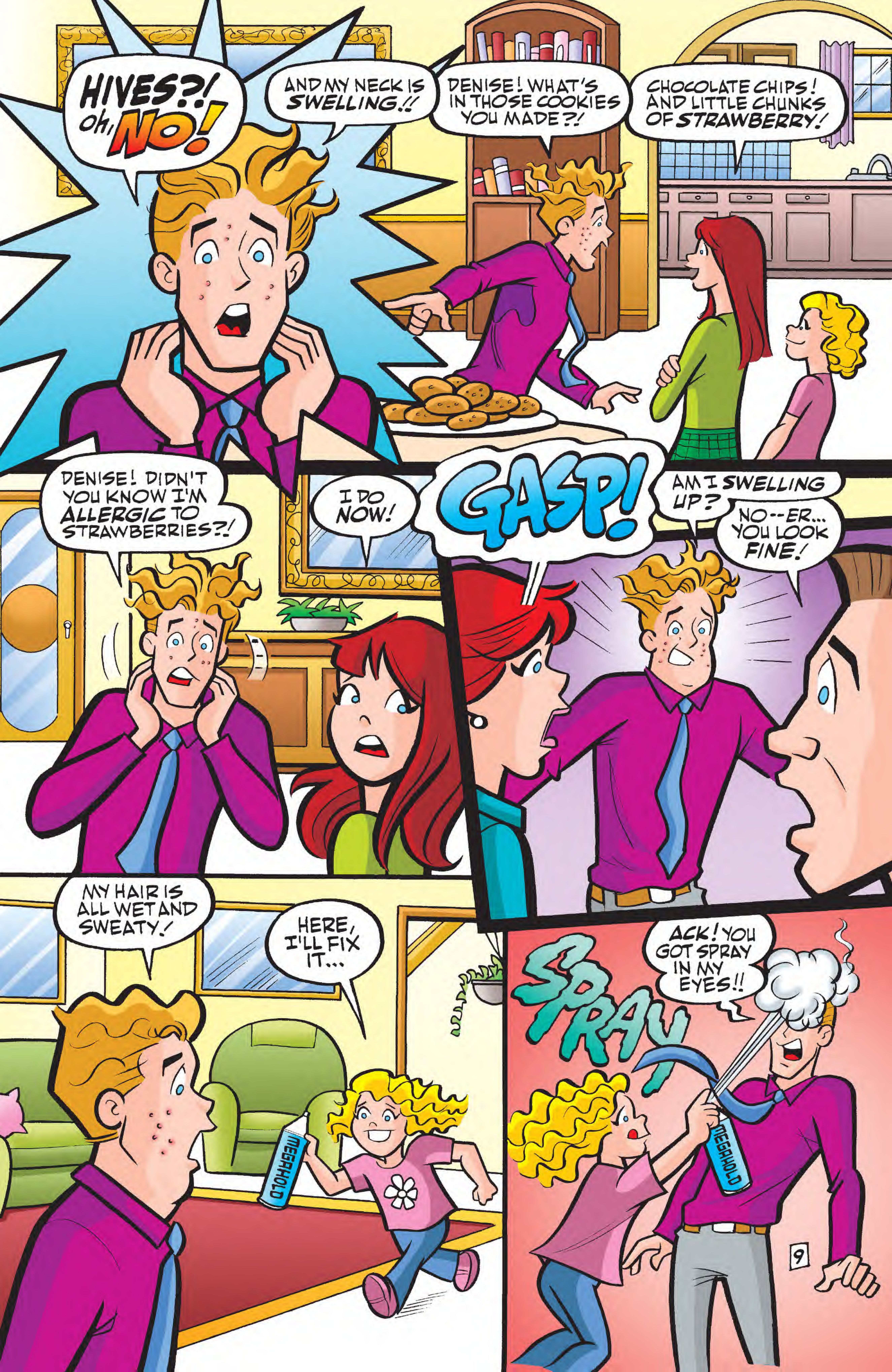












HIVES?!  
Oh, **No!**

AND MY NECK IS  
SWELLING!!

DENISE! WHAT'S  
IN THOSE COOKIES  
YOU MADE?!

CHOCOLATE CHIPS!  
AND LITTLE CHUNKS  
OF STRAWBERRY!

DENISE! DIDN'T  
YOU KNOW I'M  
ALLERGIC TO  
STRAWBERRIES?!

I DO  
NOW!

**GASP!**

AM I SWELLING  
UP?

NO--ER...  
YOU LOOK  
FINE!

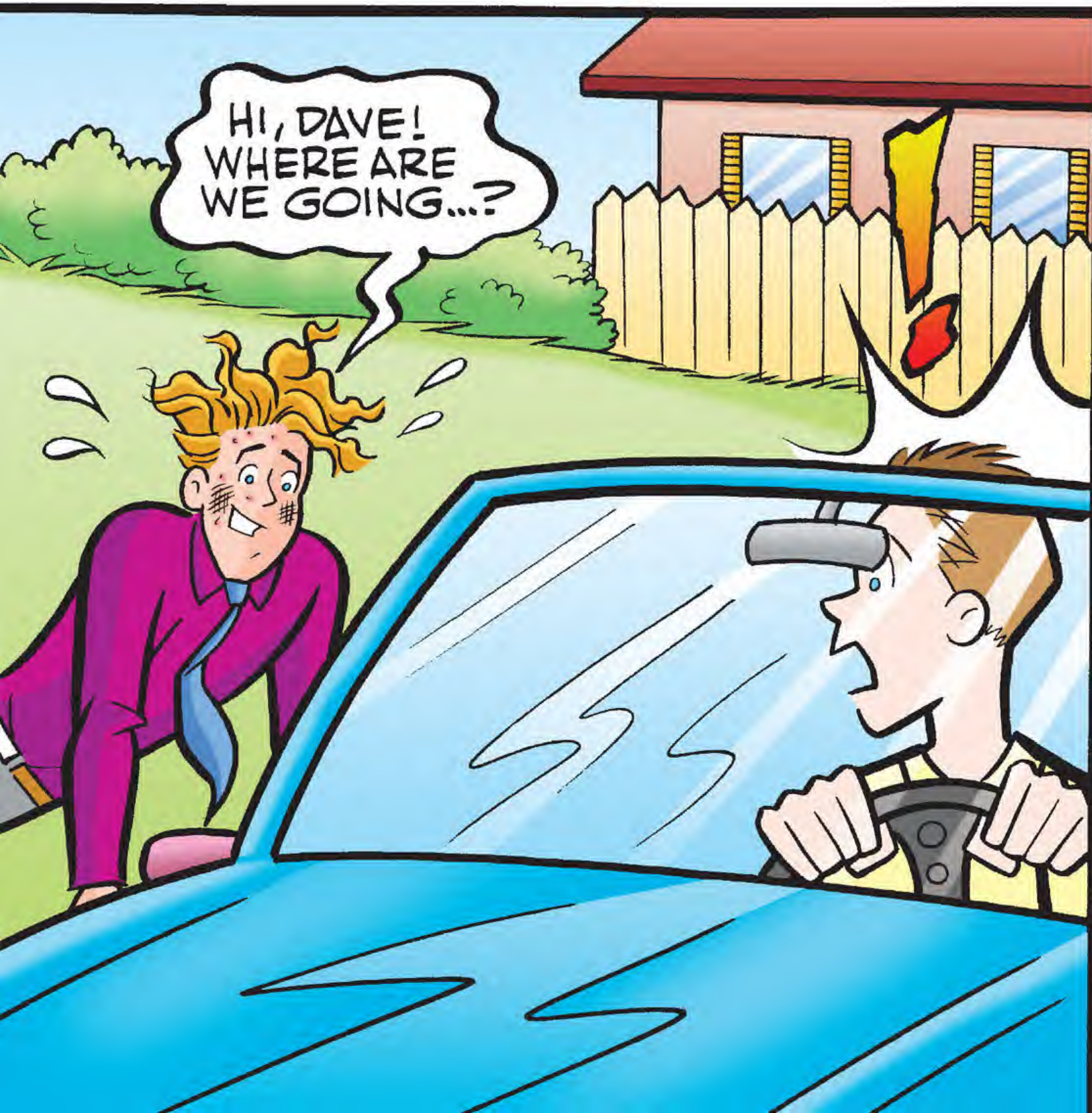
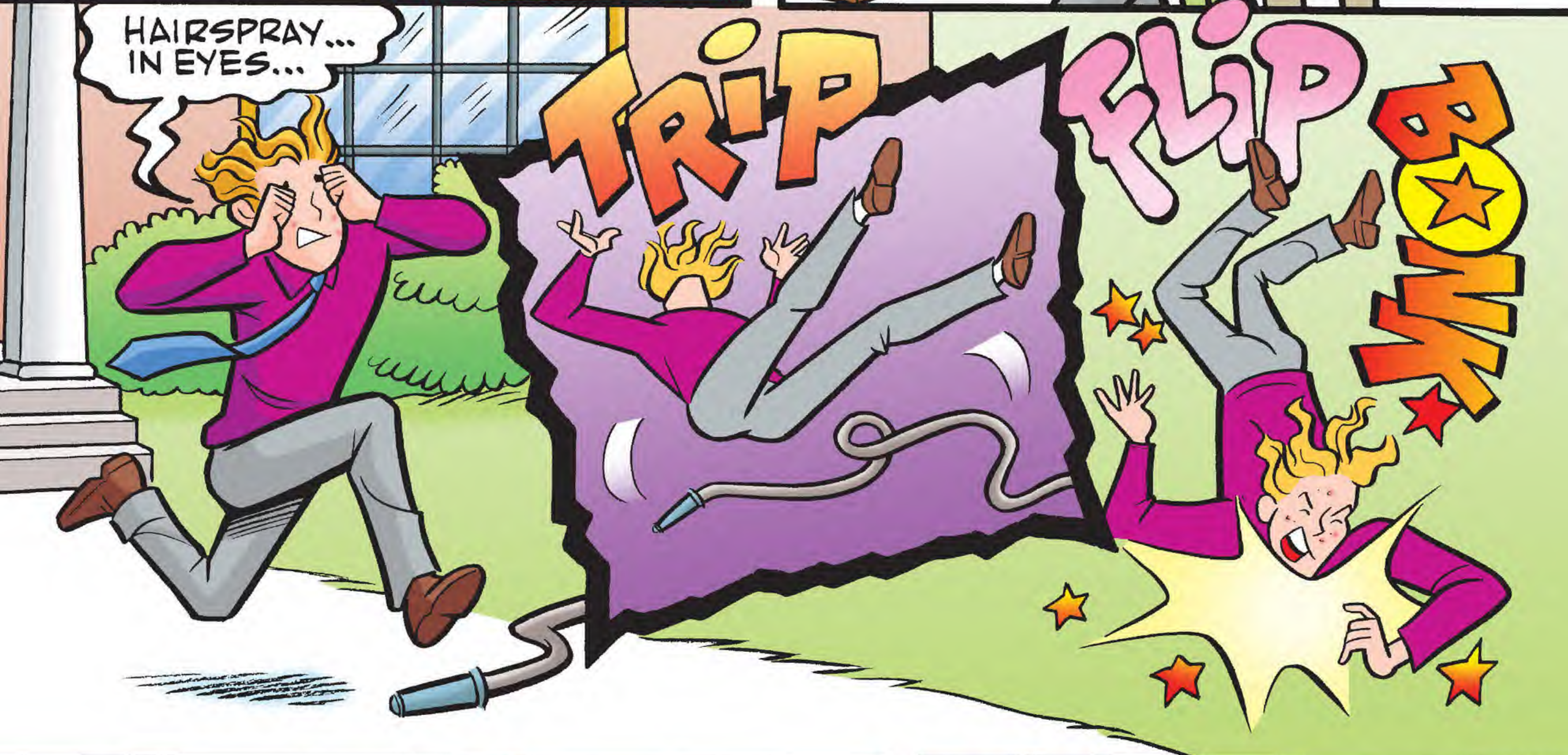
MY HAIR IS  
ALL WET AND  
SWEATY!

HERE,  
I'LL FIX  
IT...

ACK! YOU  
GOT SPRAY  
IN MY  
EYES!!

**SPRAY**

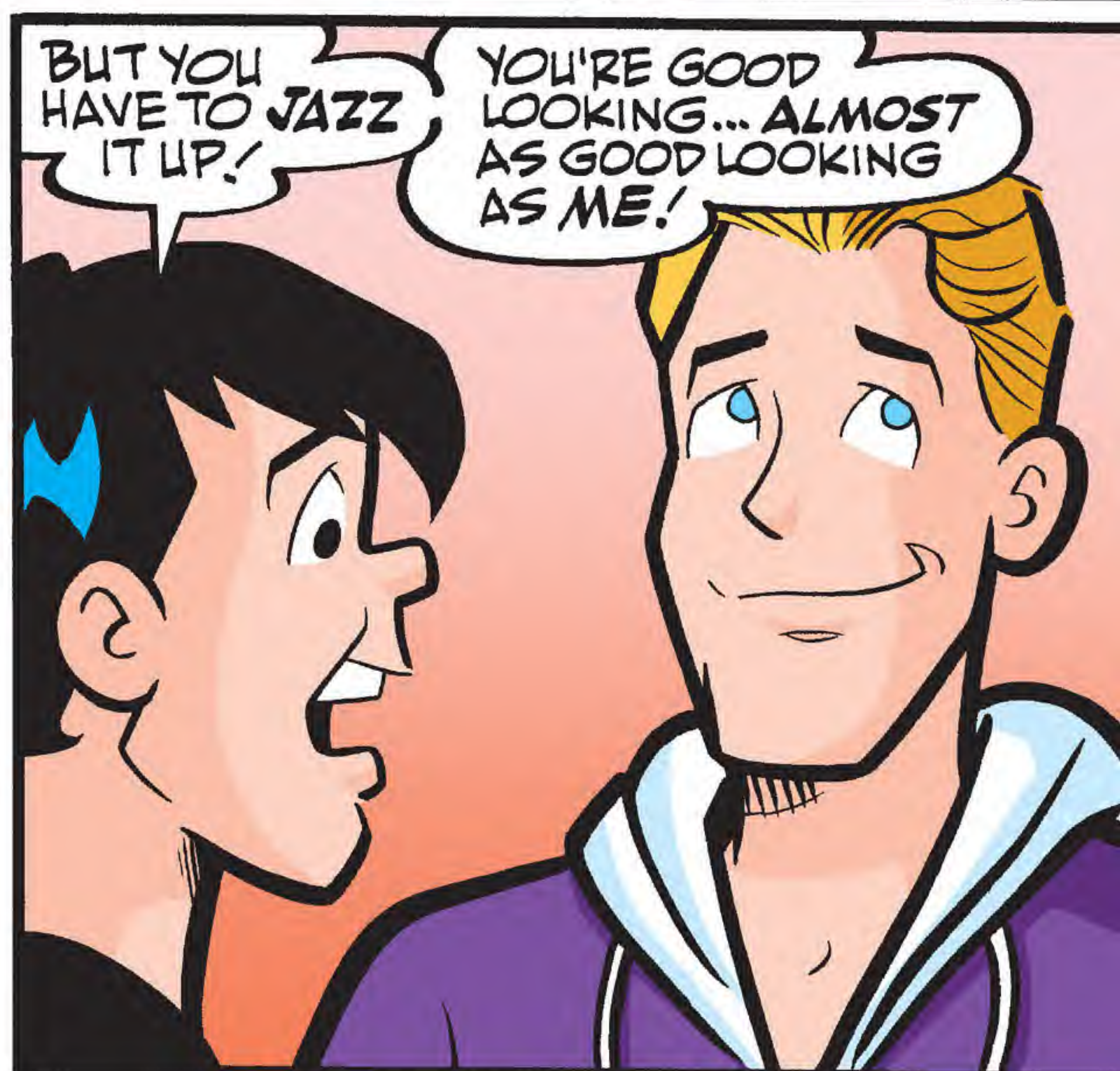




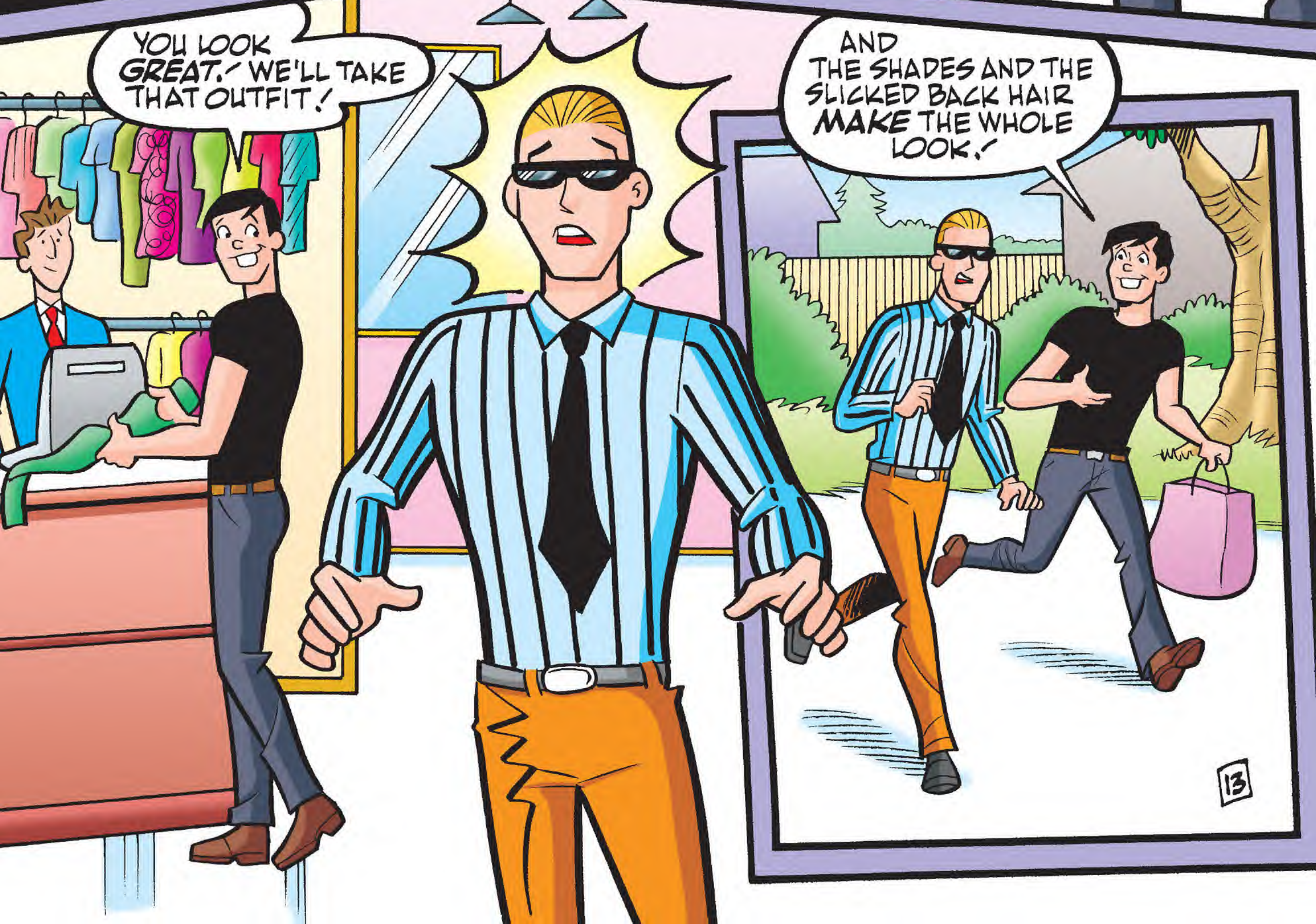




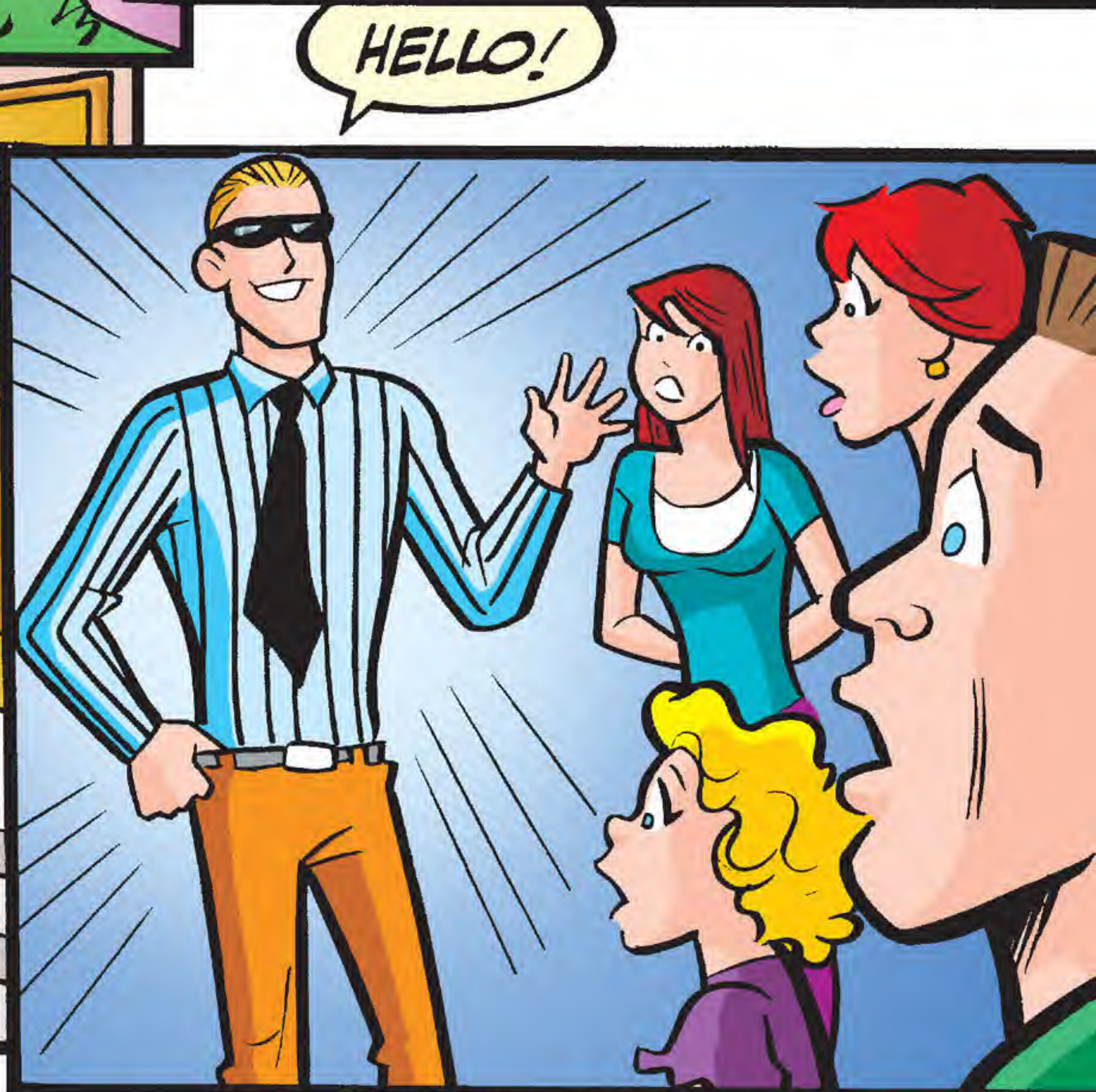
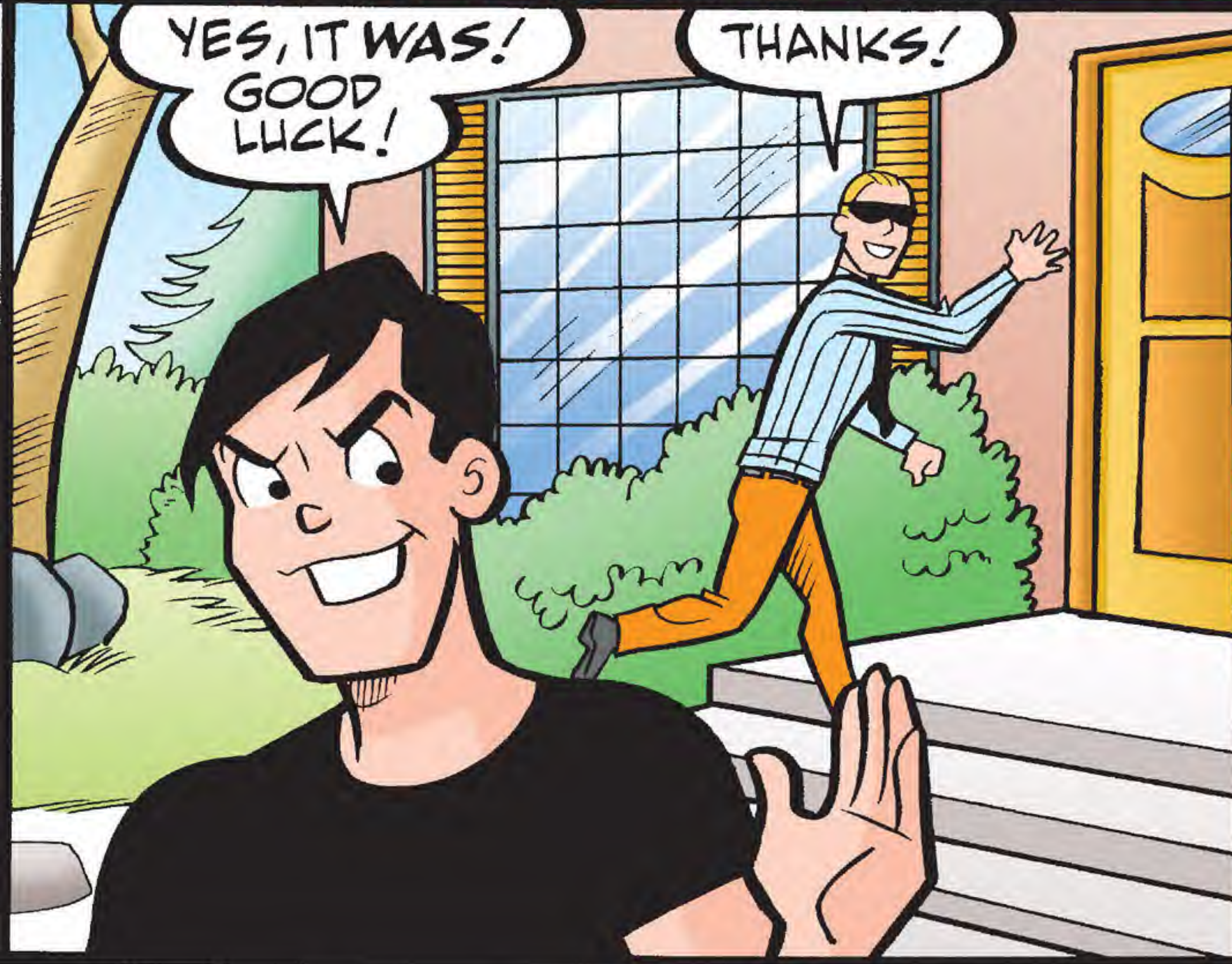
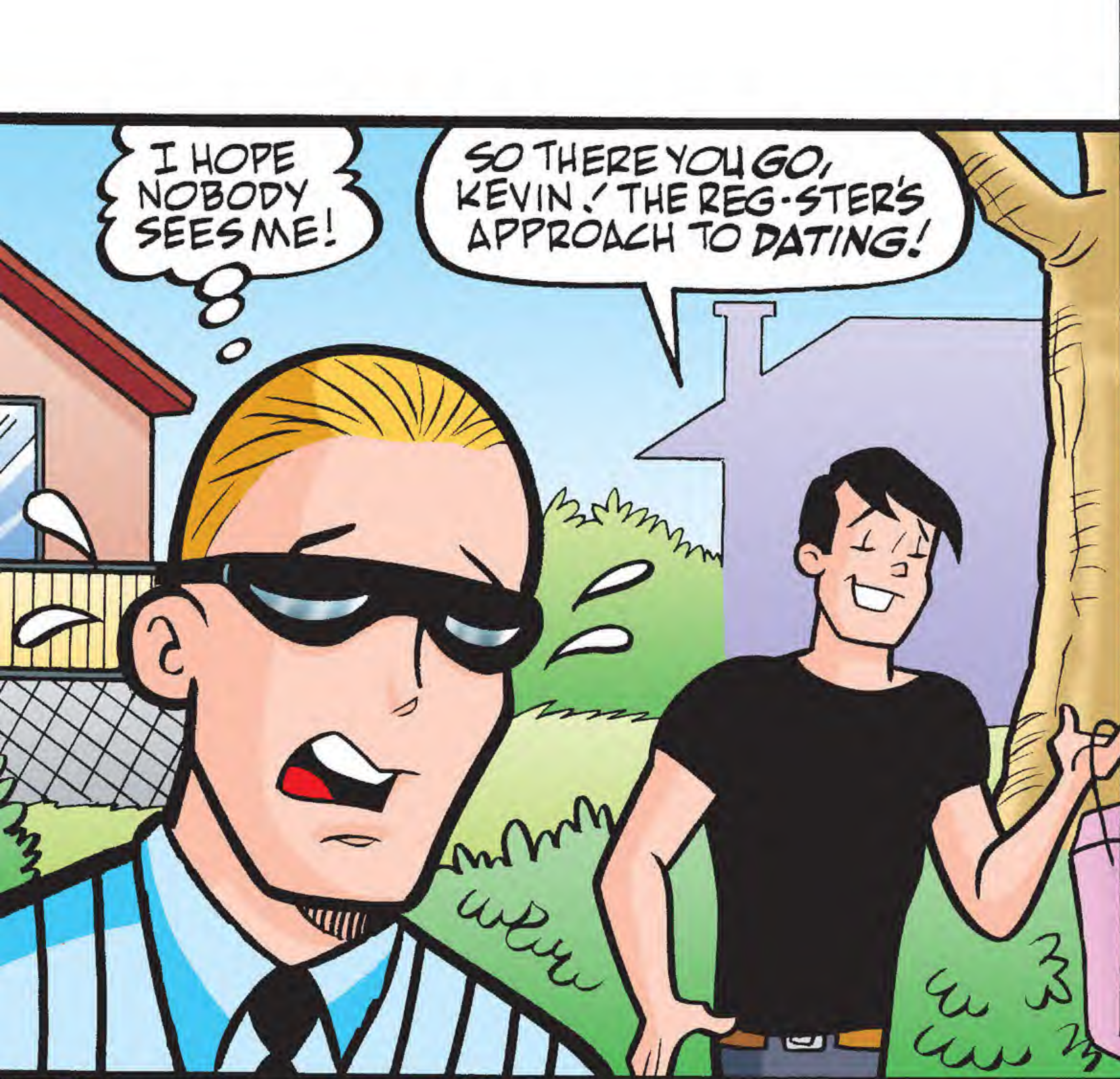














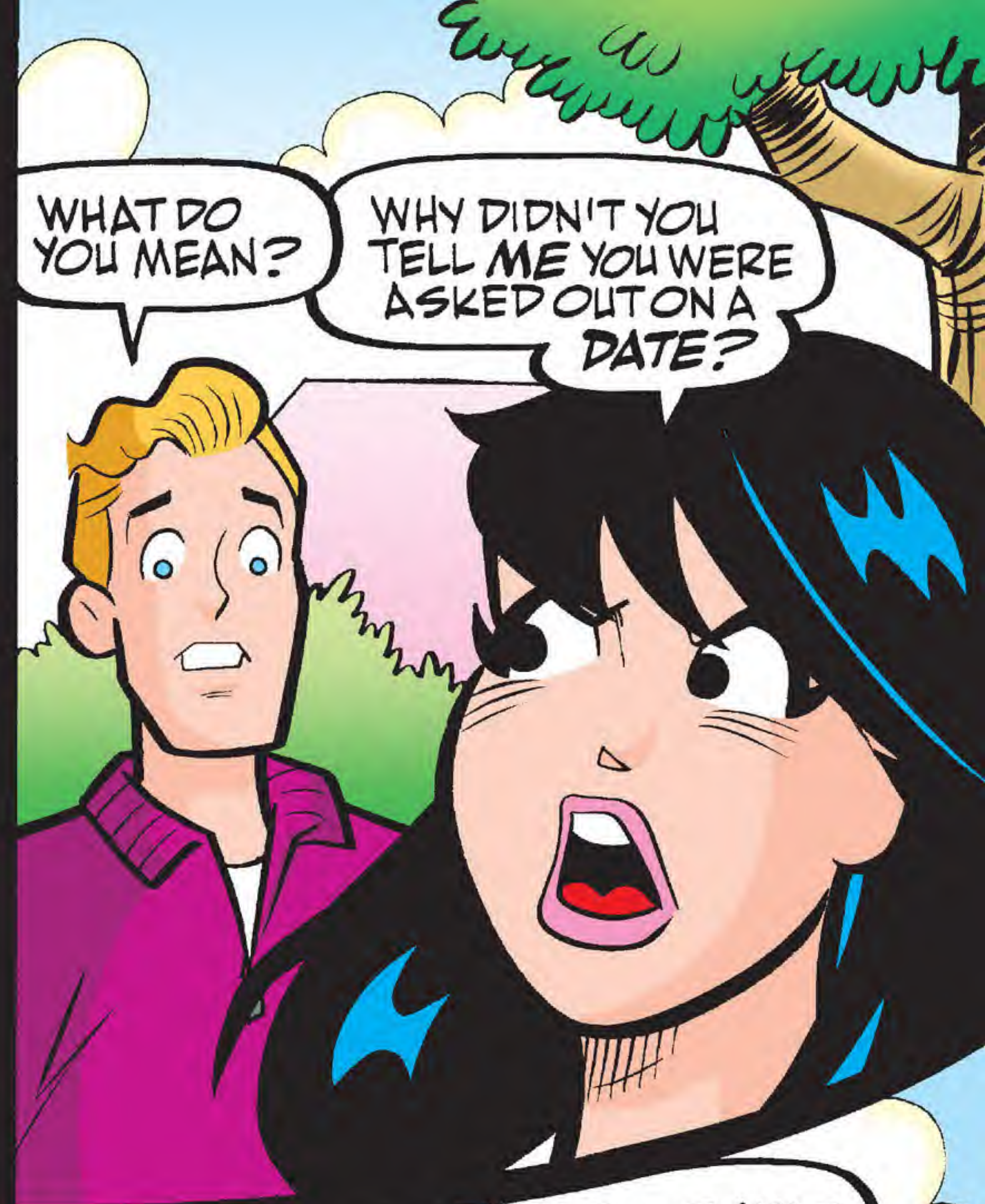


THE NEXT DAY...

OH, HI, RONNIE!

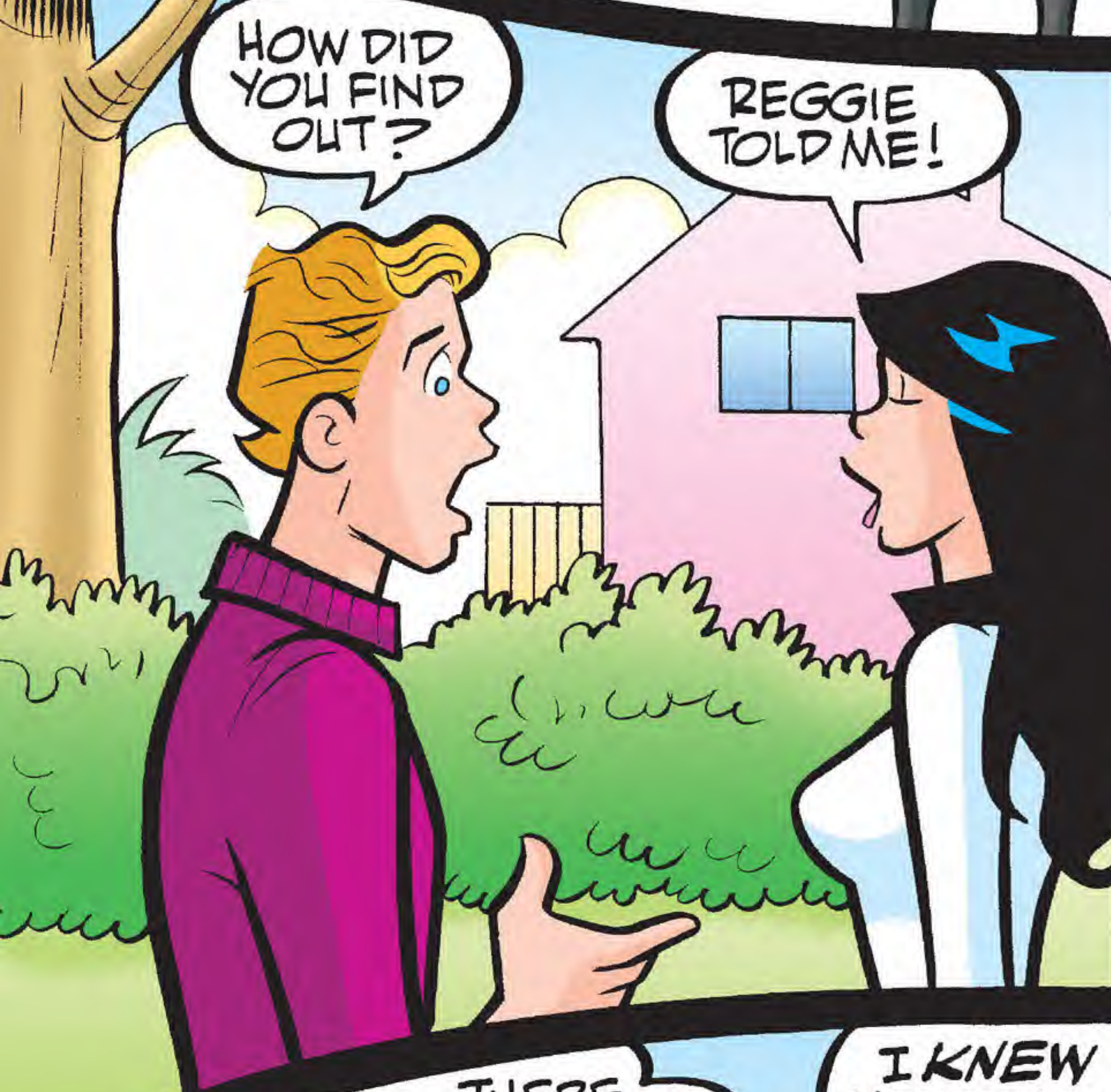
Hmph!

SOME BEST FRIEND YOU ARE!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE ASKED OUT ON A DATE?



HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?

REGGIE TOLD ME!



HE PROMISED NOT TO!

WELL, I WAS PRETTY PERSUASIVE!



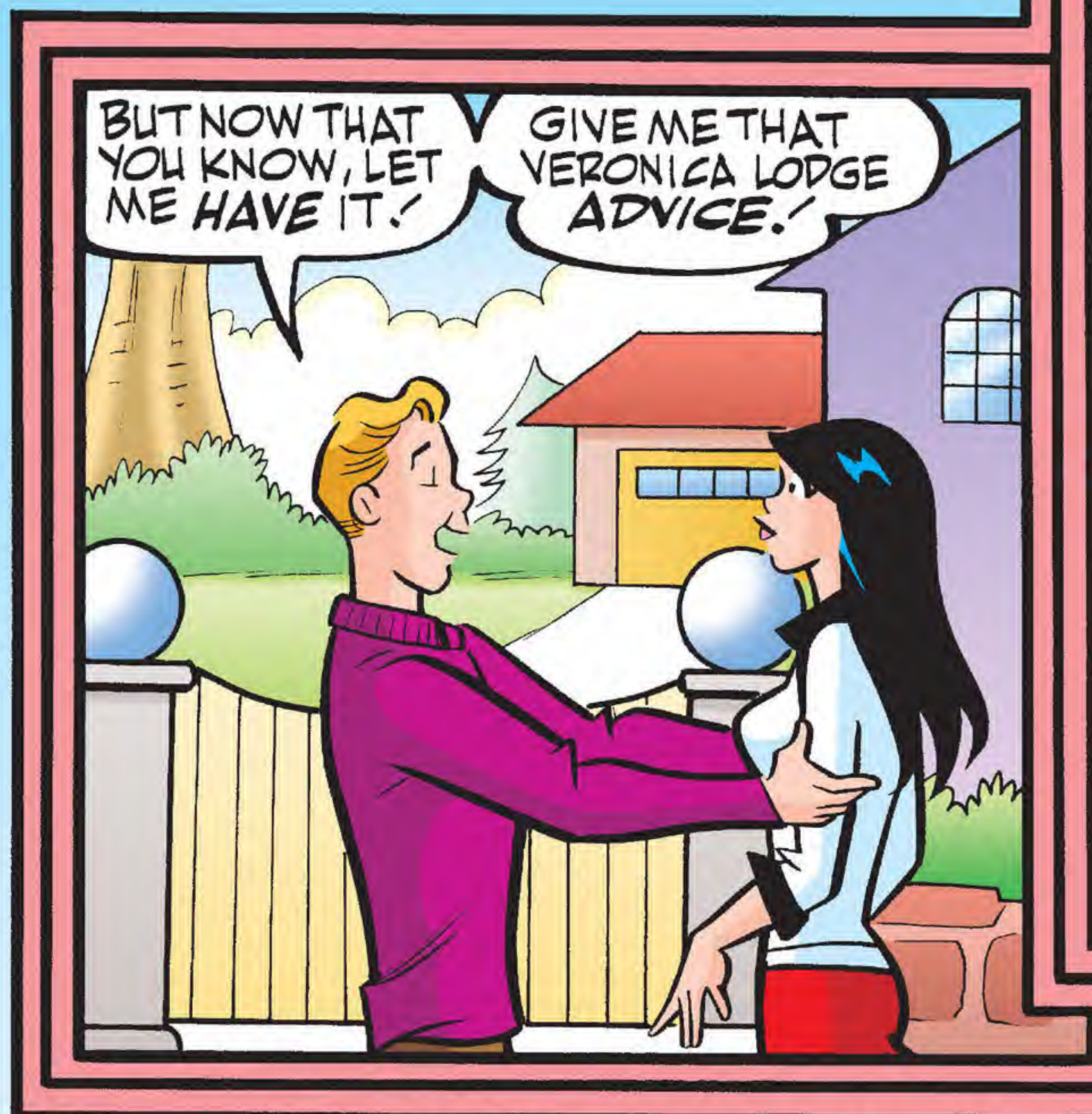
THERE WAS A REASON I DIDN'T TELL YOU...

I KNEW YOU'D MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT!



AND I WANT TO KEEP THIS LOW KEY! ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW I GET WHEN THE WHOLE DATING THING COMES UP!





BUT NOW THAT YOU KNOW, LET ME HAVE IT!

GIVE ME THAT VERONICA LODGE ADVICE!



ALL I CAN SAY IS THIS: **BE YOURSELF, KEVIN!!**



DON'T TRY TO BE ANYTHING BUT YOURSELF!

VERONICA! THAT'S SO UNLIKE YOU!



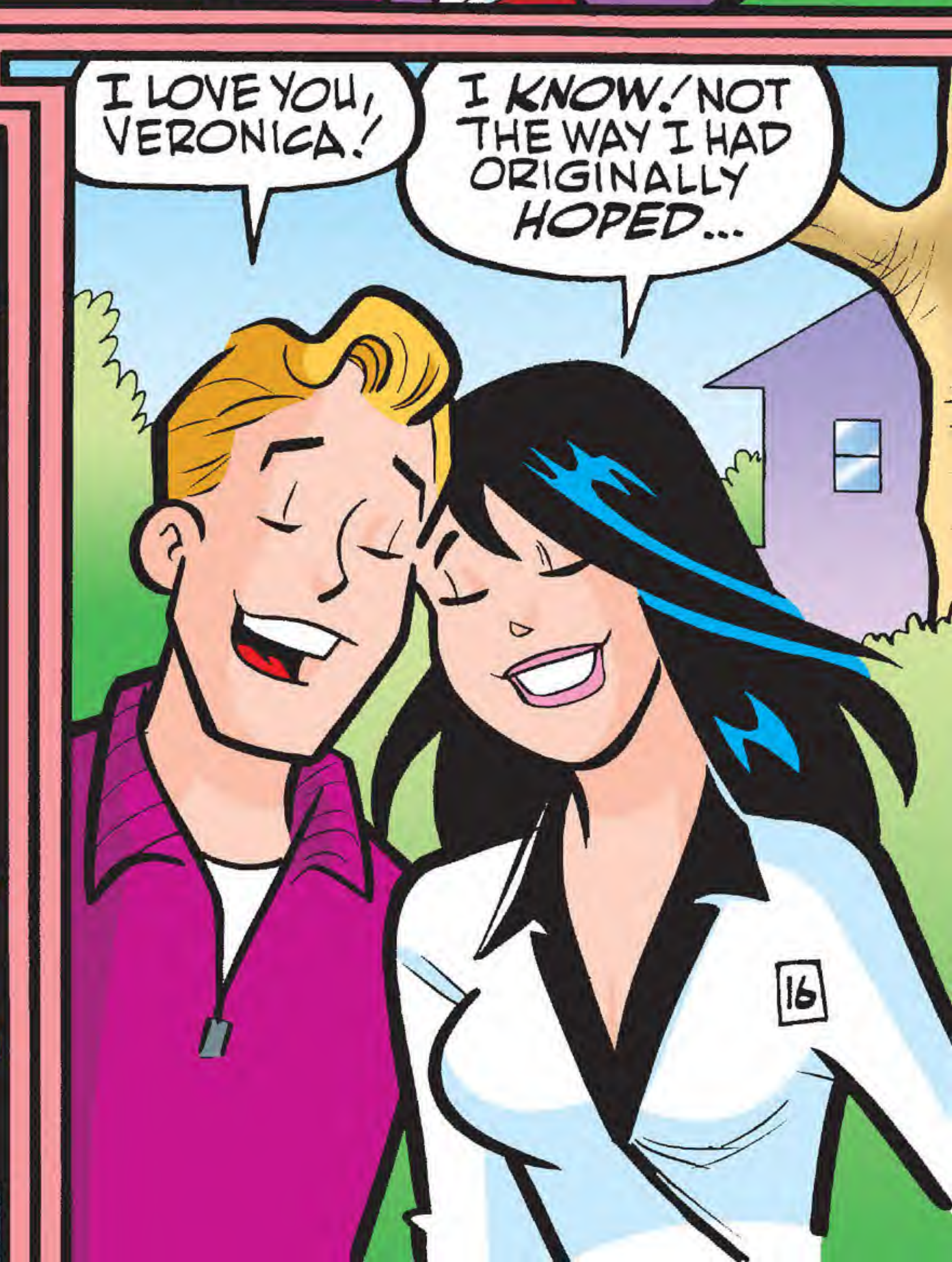
I THINK MY LITTLE GIRL IS GROWING UP!

AND I THINK I HAVE TO LET MY "KEVVY" GO ON HIS OWN!



YOU'VE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH SINCE YOU MOVED HERE!

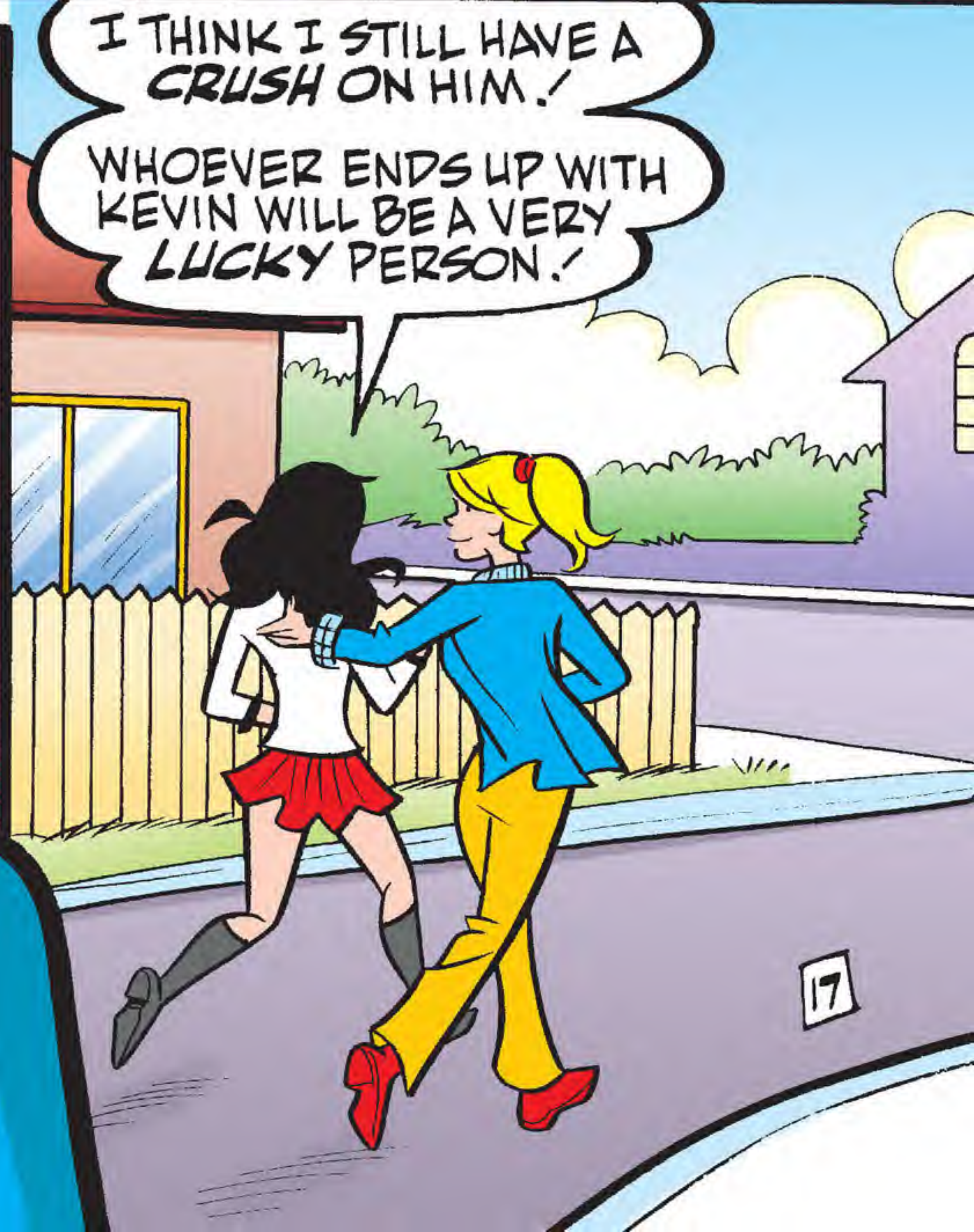
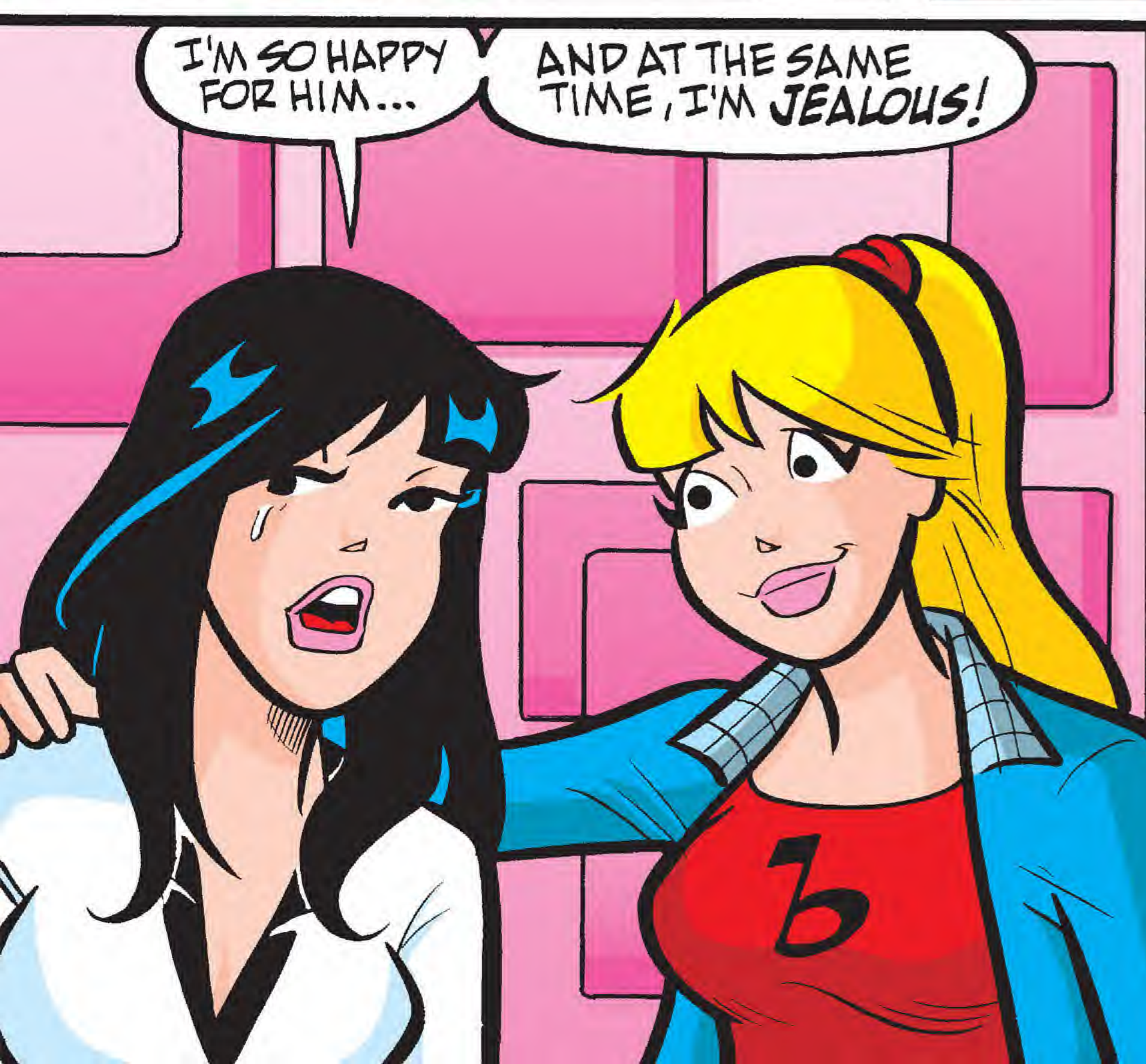
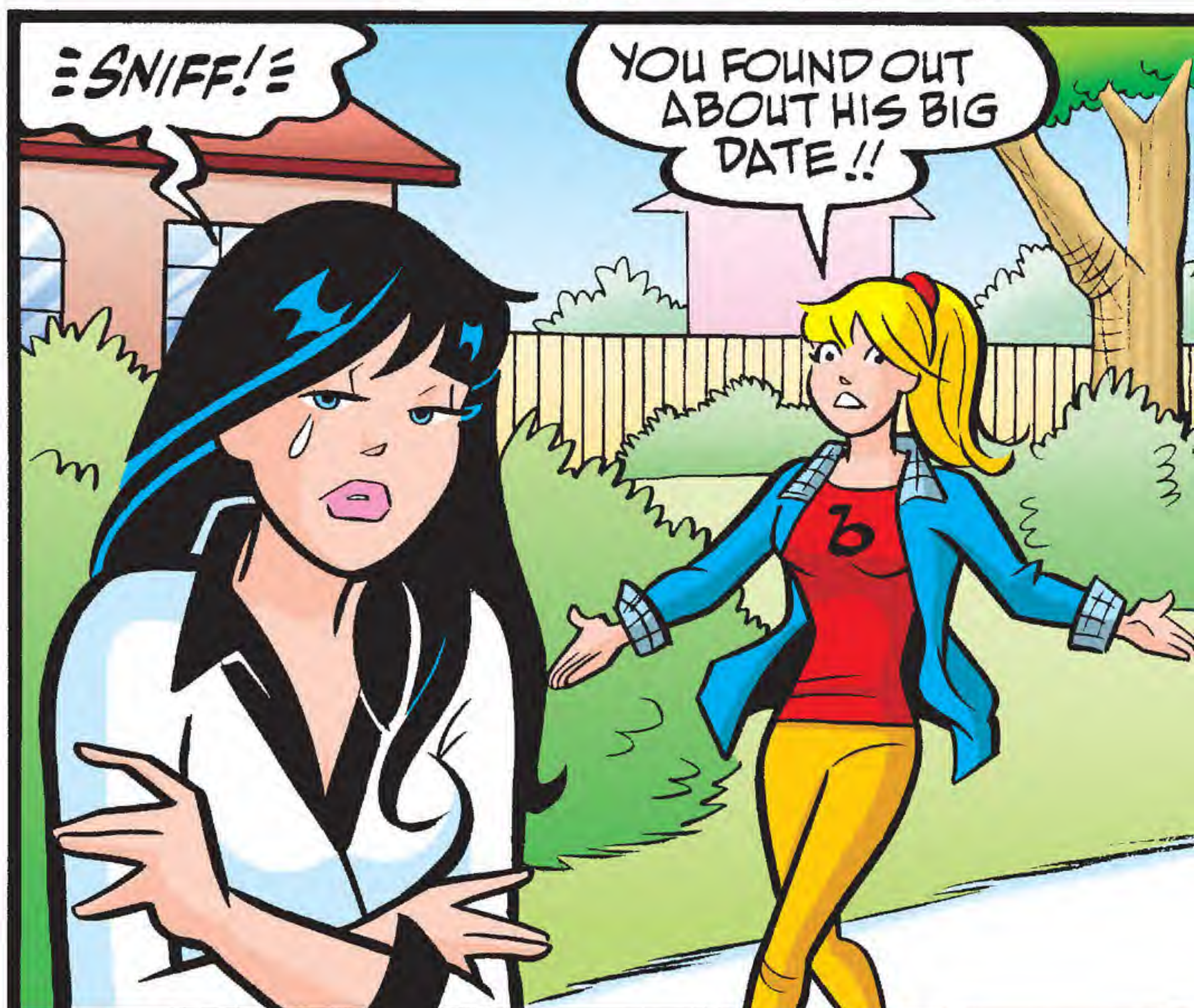
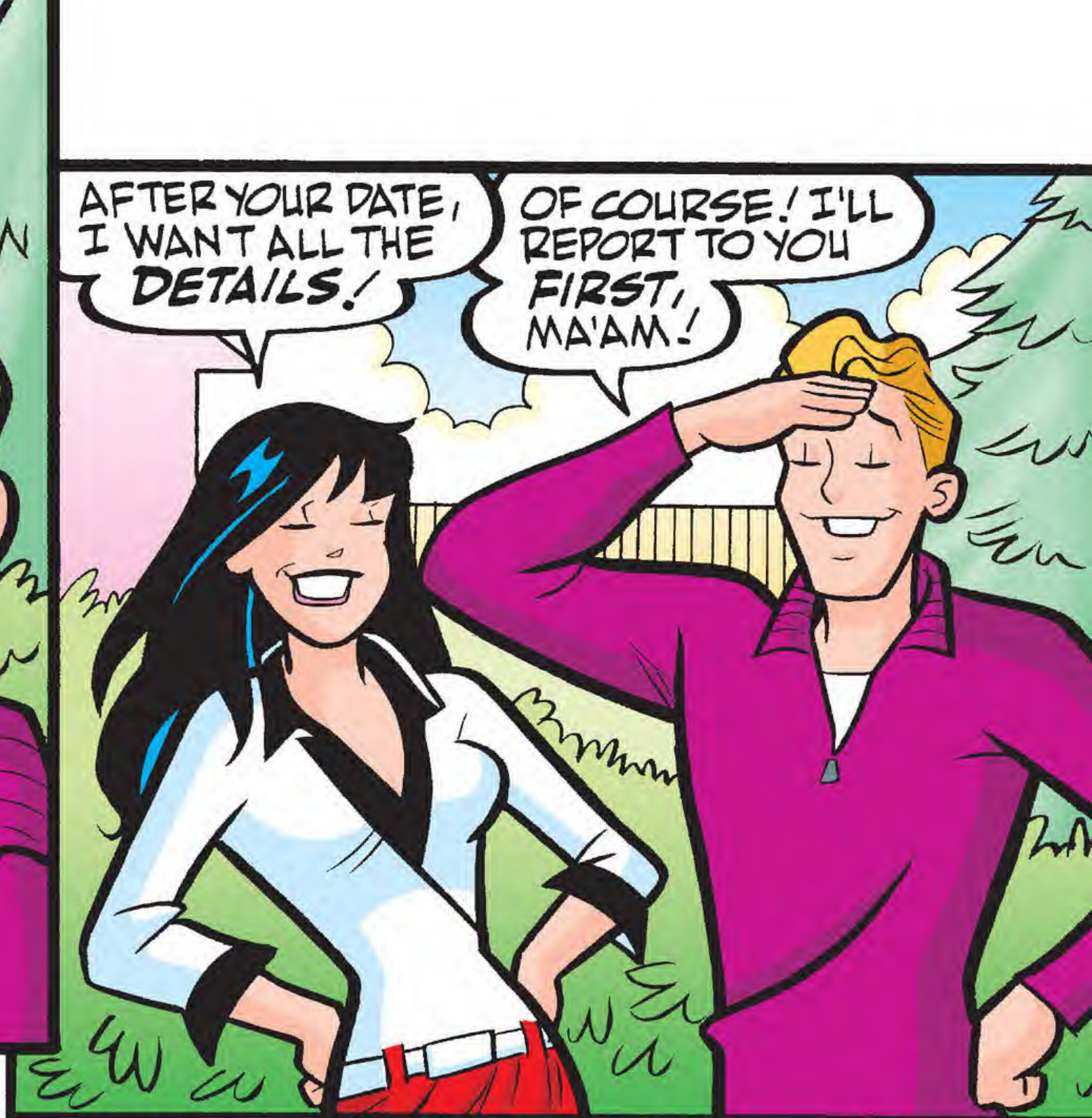
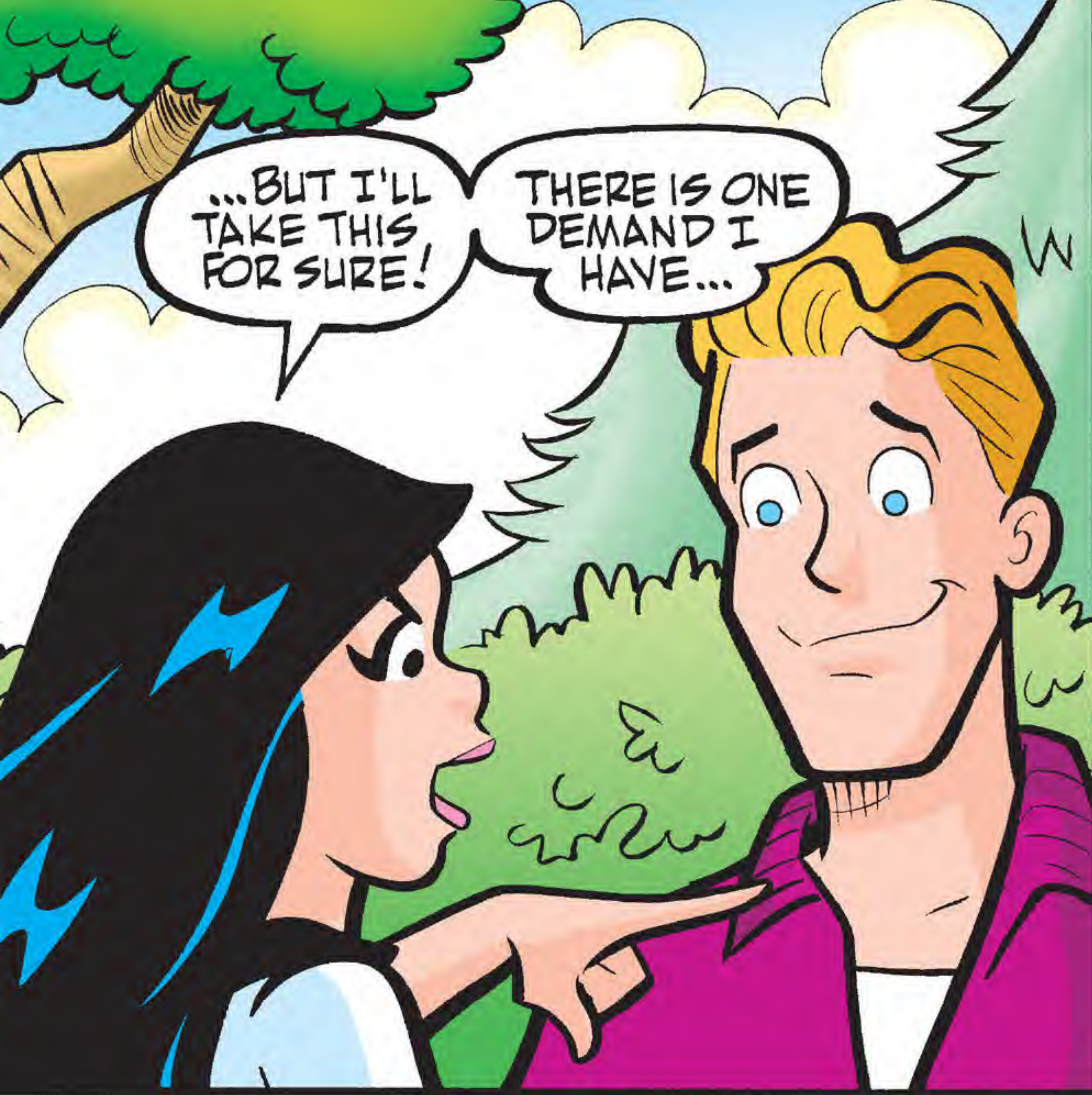
THAT IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO BE WHO YOU ARE!



I LOVE YOU, VERONICA!

I KNOW! NOT THE WAY I HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED...









I'M SO OVERWHELMED THAT I FORGOT TO ASK HIM WHO HIS DATE IS.!!



SO...

KEVIN! WHEN'S THE BIG DATE?

ON SUNDAY! I GUESS THE WORD IS OUT NOW!



GOOD LUCK, BUDDY!

NOW... LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW POINTERS!

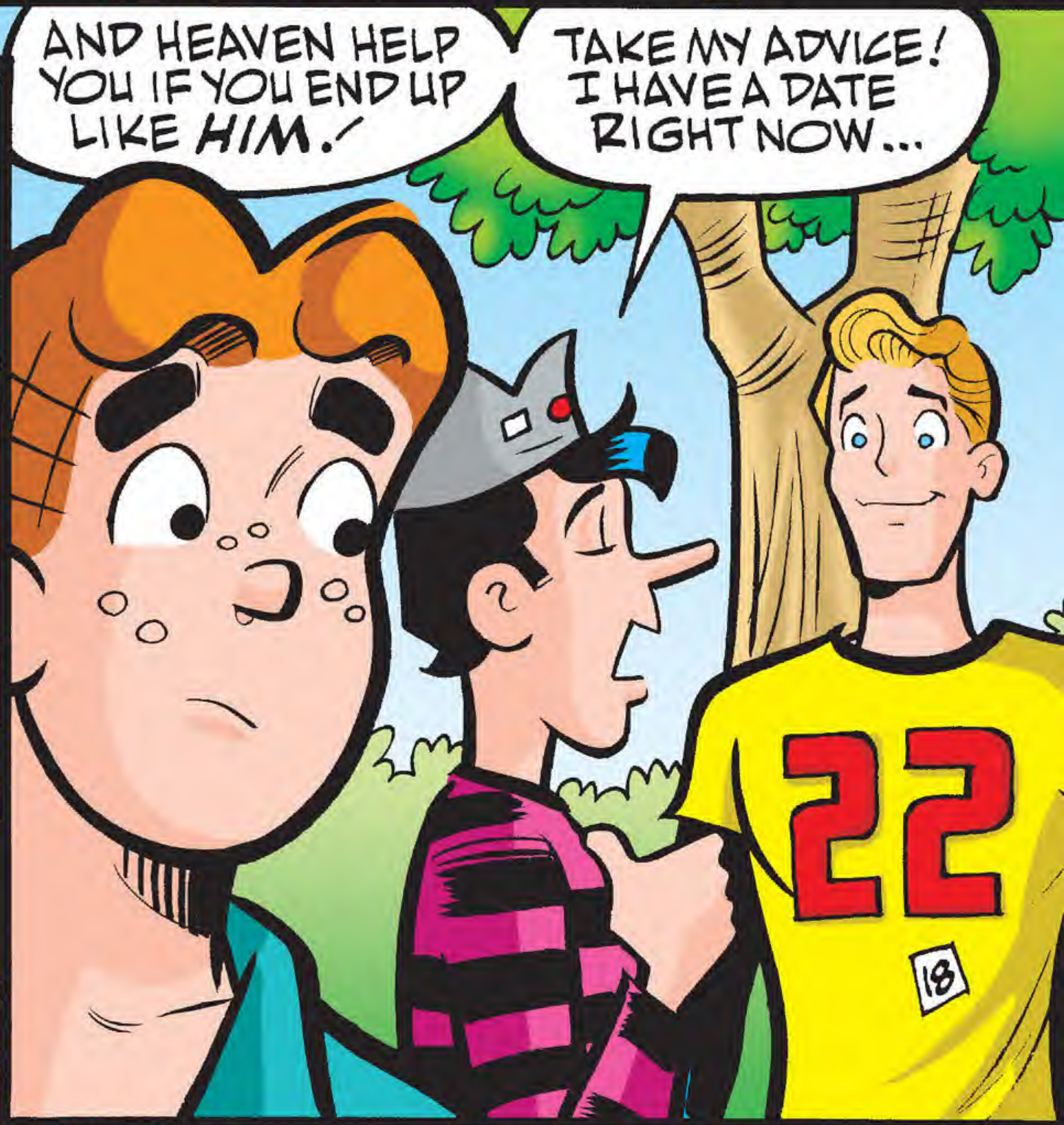


MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SCHEDULE DATES WITH TWO GUYS AT THE SAME TIME!

AND IF YOU DO, HERE'S HOW TO HANDLE IT!



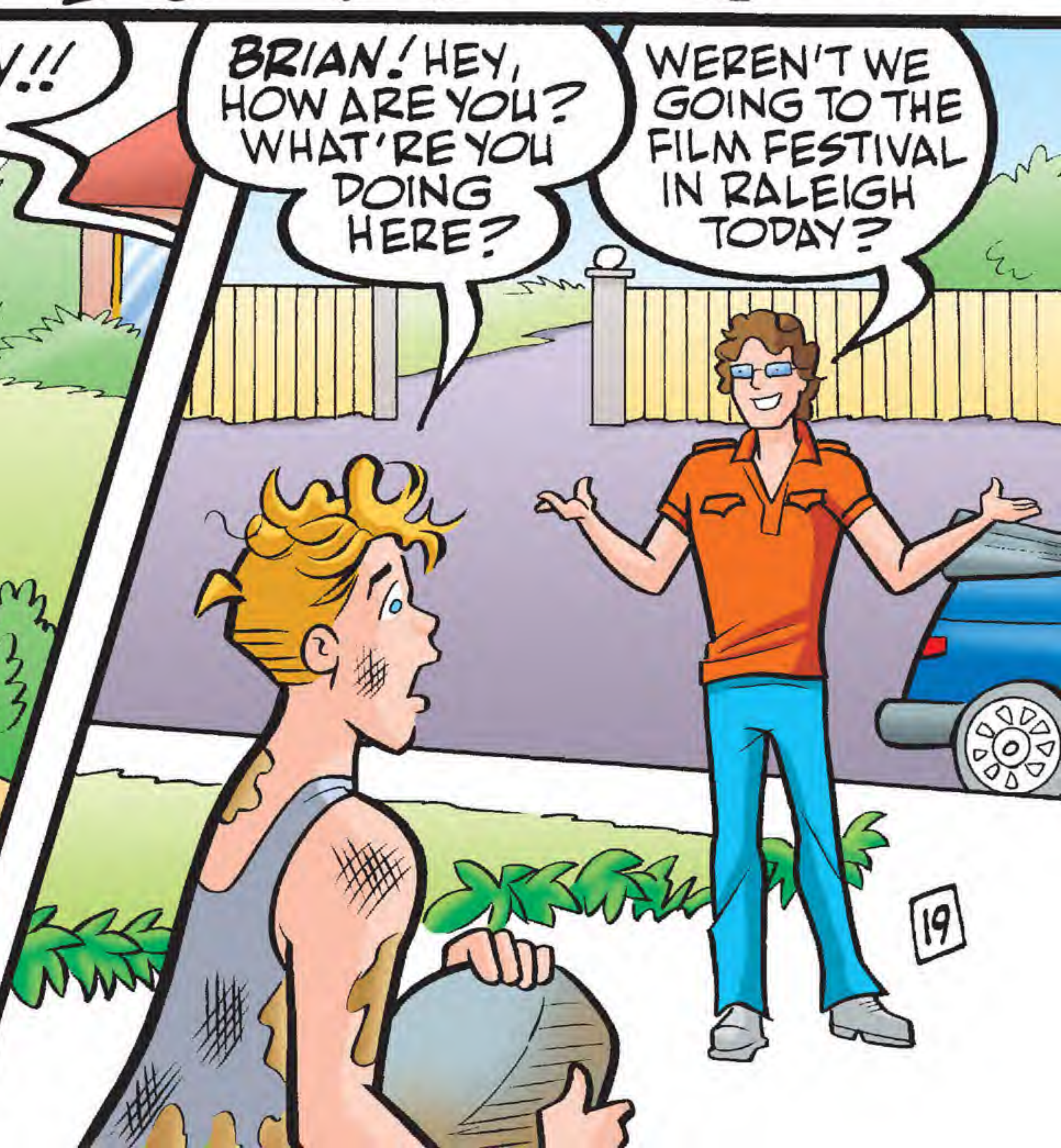
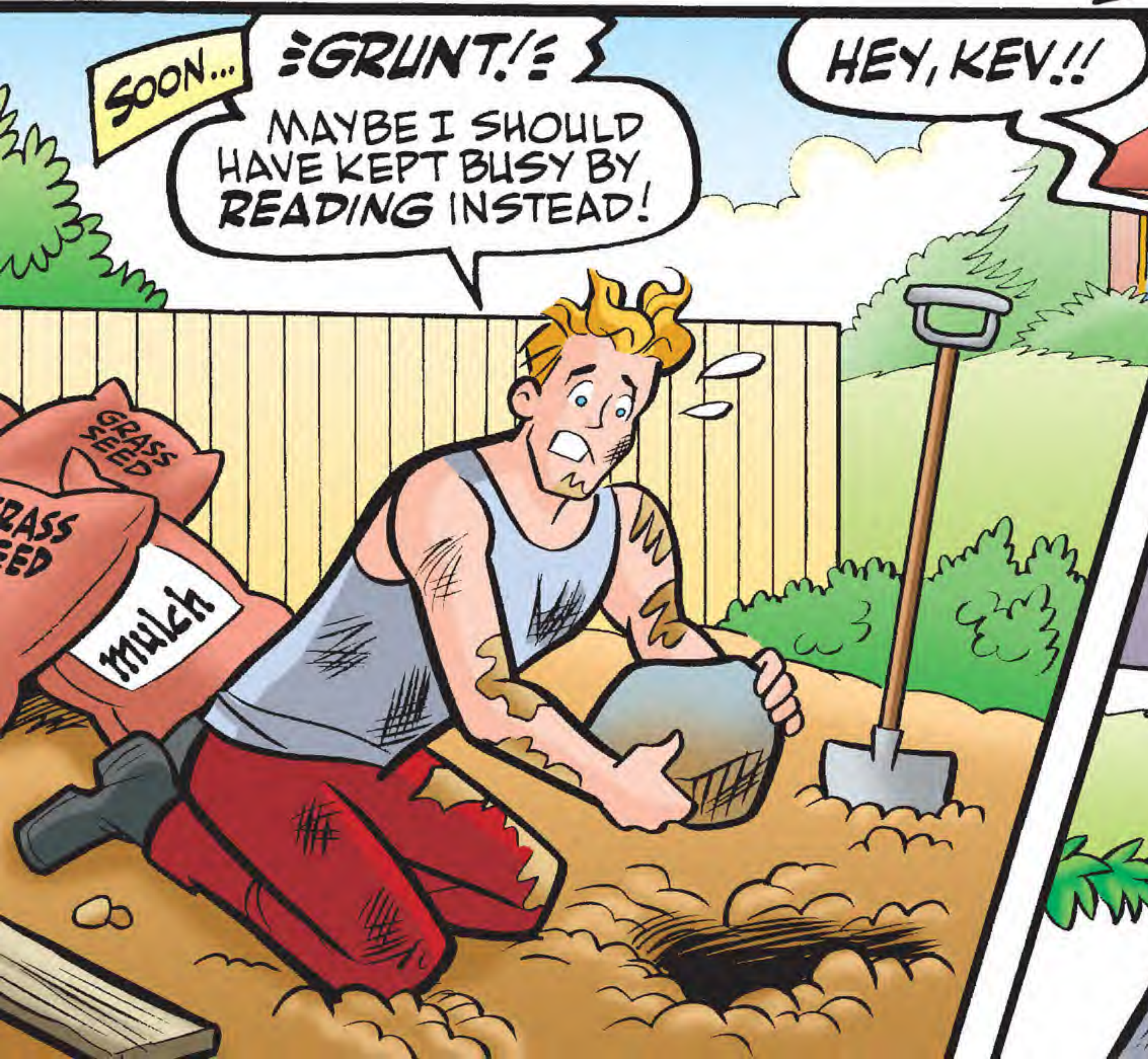
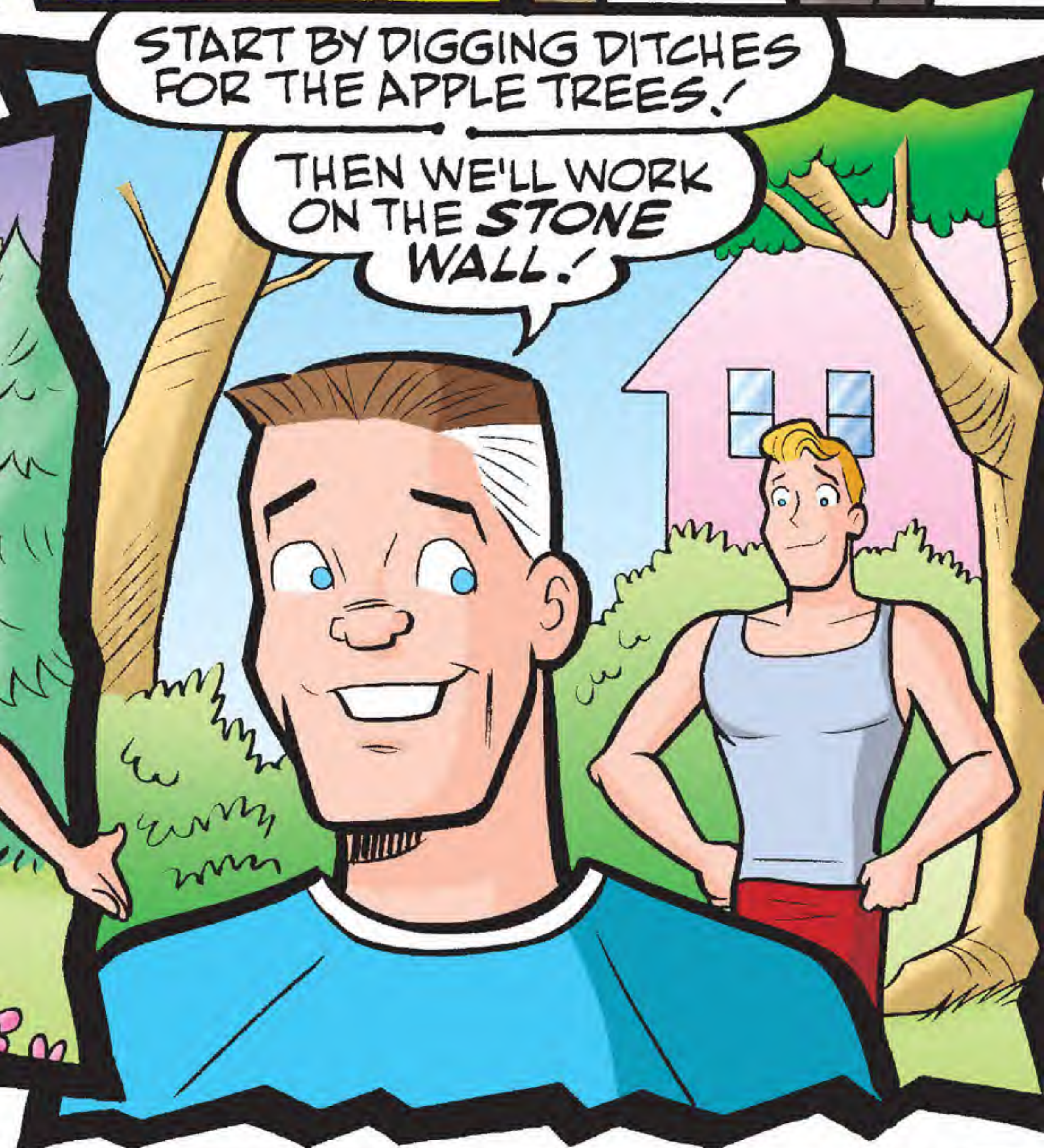
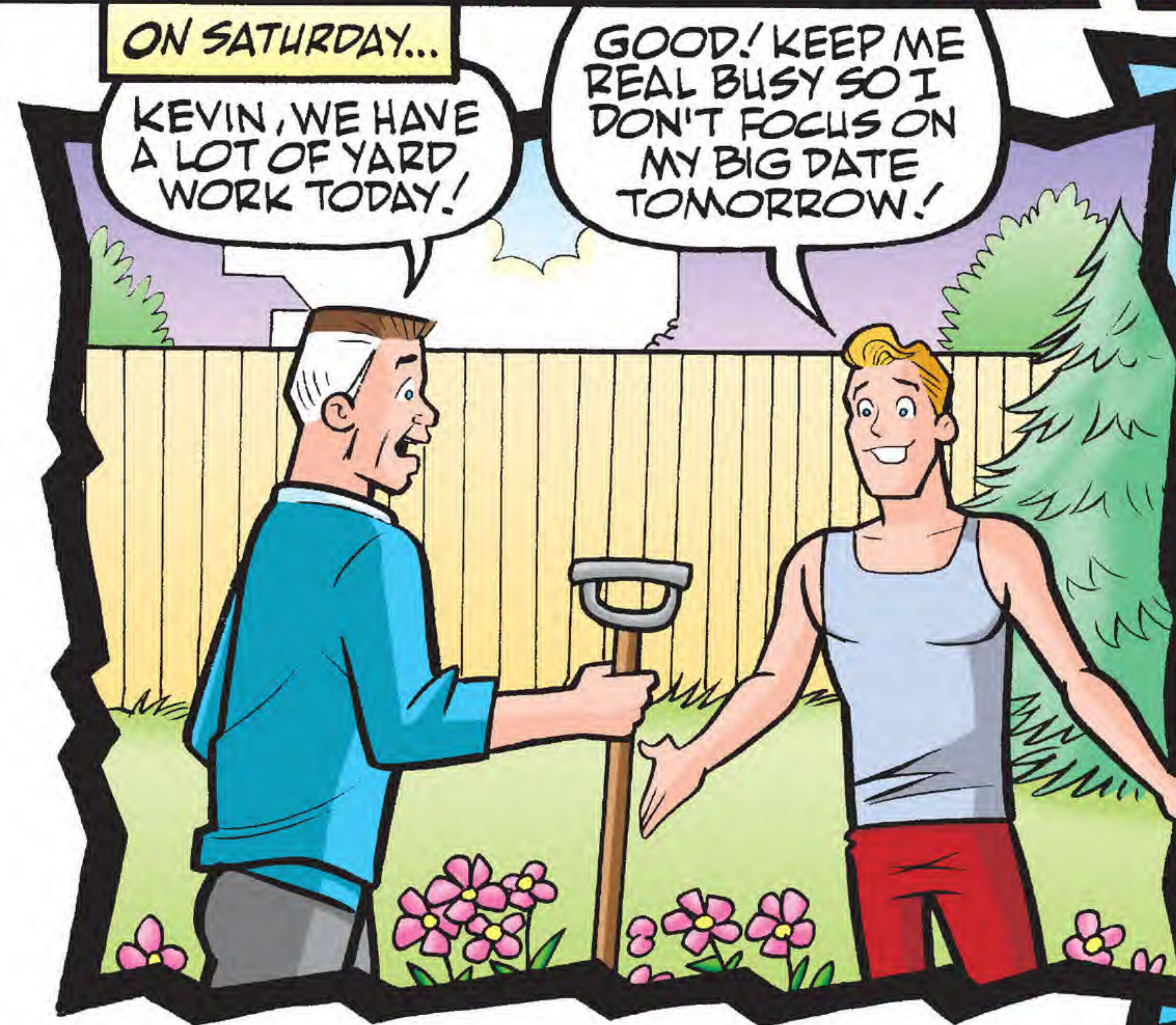
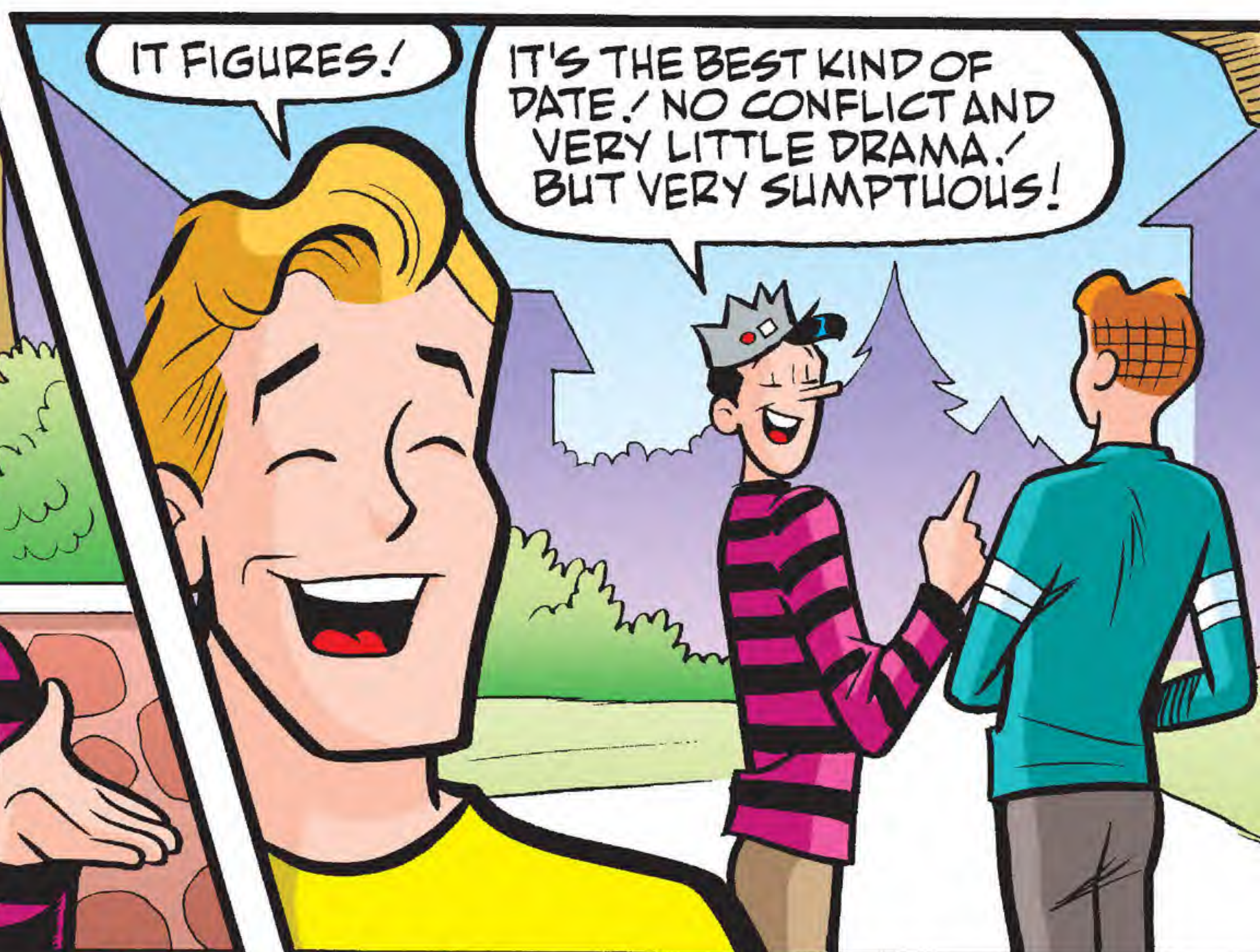
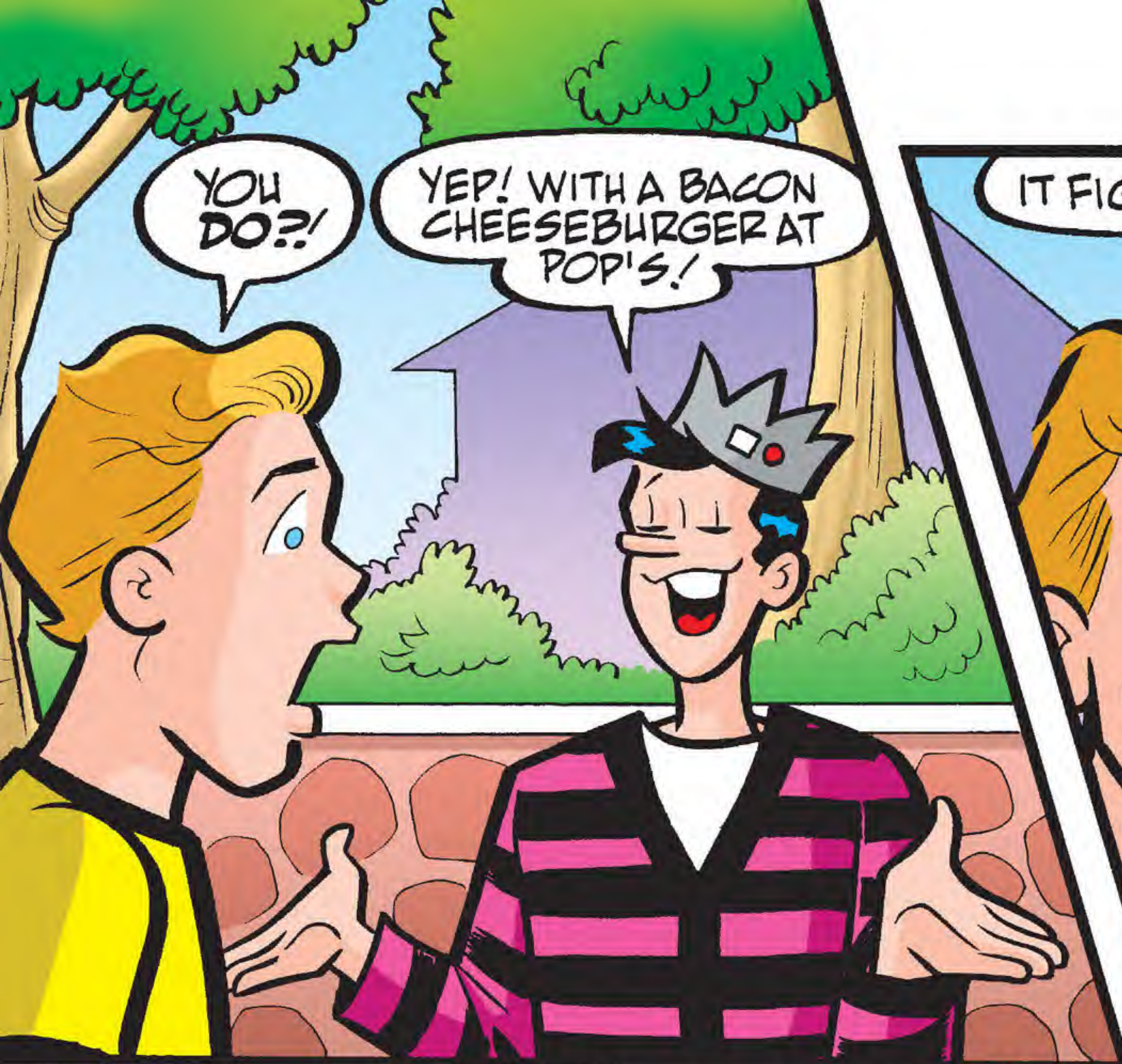
I DON'T THINK KEVIN'S GONNA START THE WHOLE LOVE TRIANGLE OLYMPICS LIKE YOU'VE GOT GOING ON!



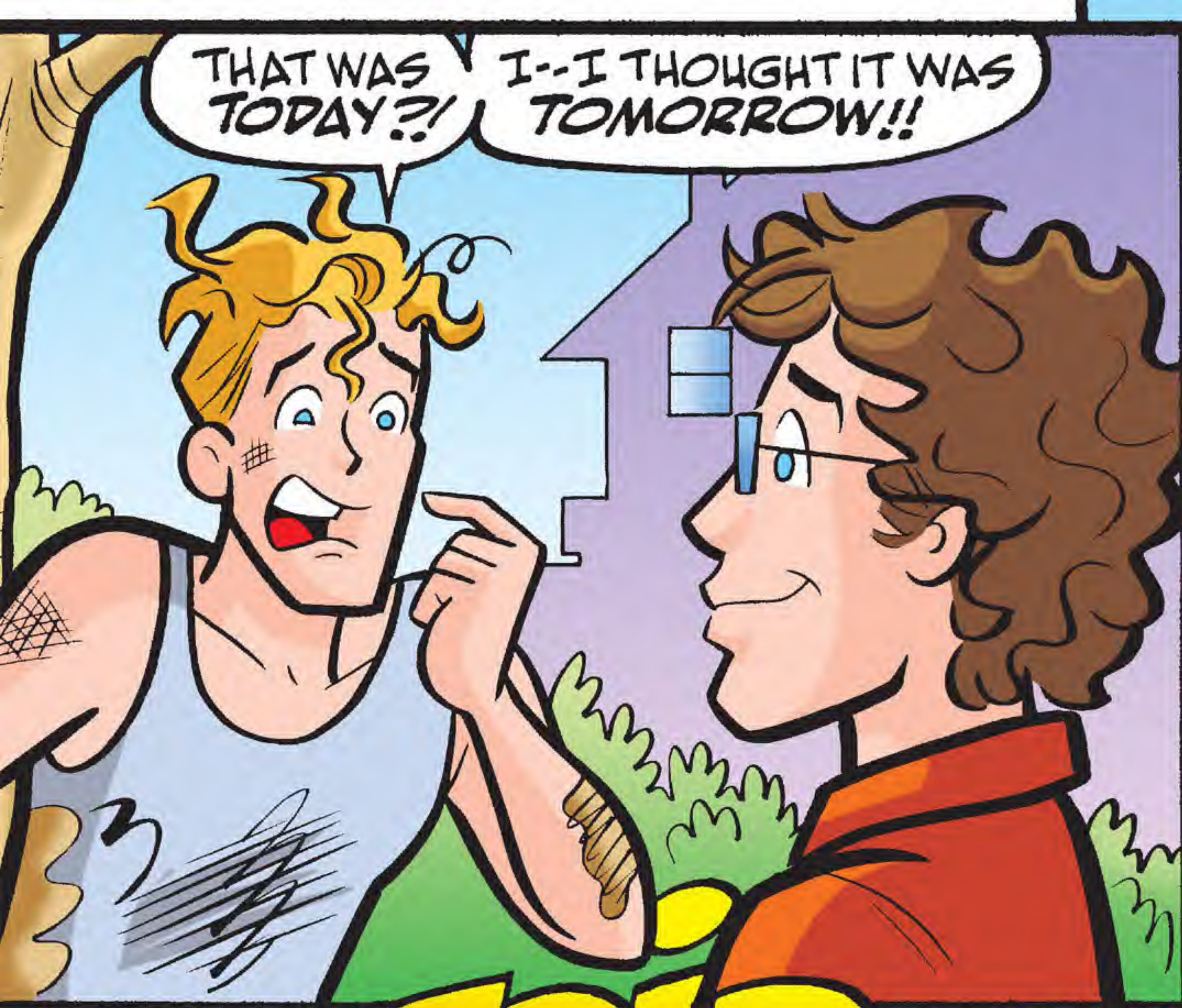
AND HEAVEN HELP YOU IF YOU END UP LIKE HIM!

TAKE MY ADVICE! I HAVE A DATE RIGHT NOW...









THAT WAS TODAY?!

I--I THOUGHT IT WAS TOMORROW!!



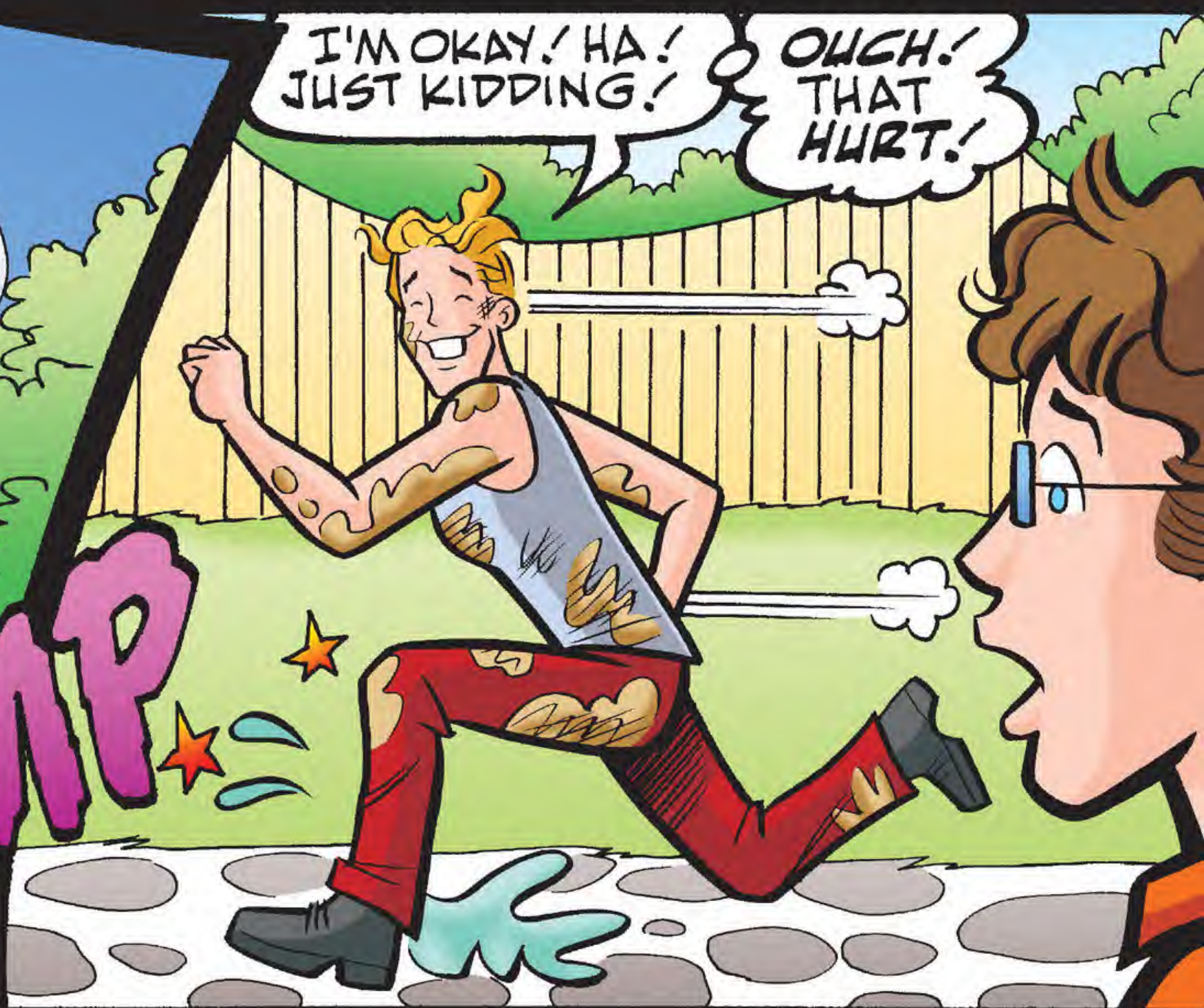
DO YOU WANT TO POSTPONE IT?

LRH--ER--NO! JUST GIVE ME A FEW MINUTES!



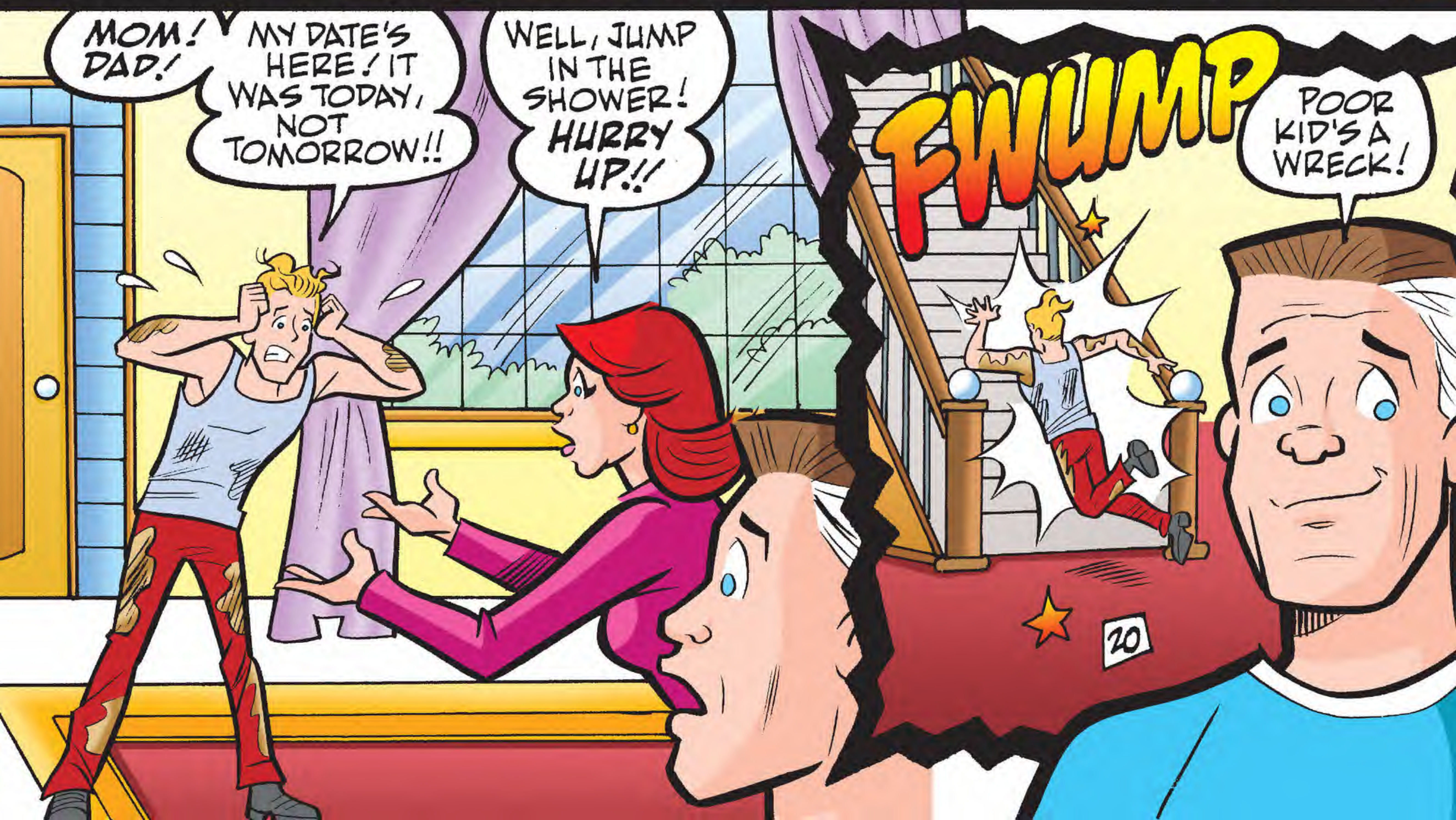
TRIP

WUMP



I'M OKAY! HA! JUST KIDDING!

OUCH! THAT HURT!



MOM! DAD!

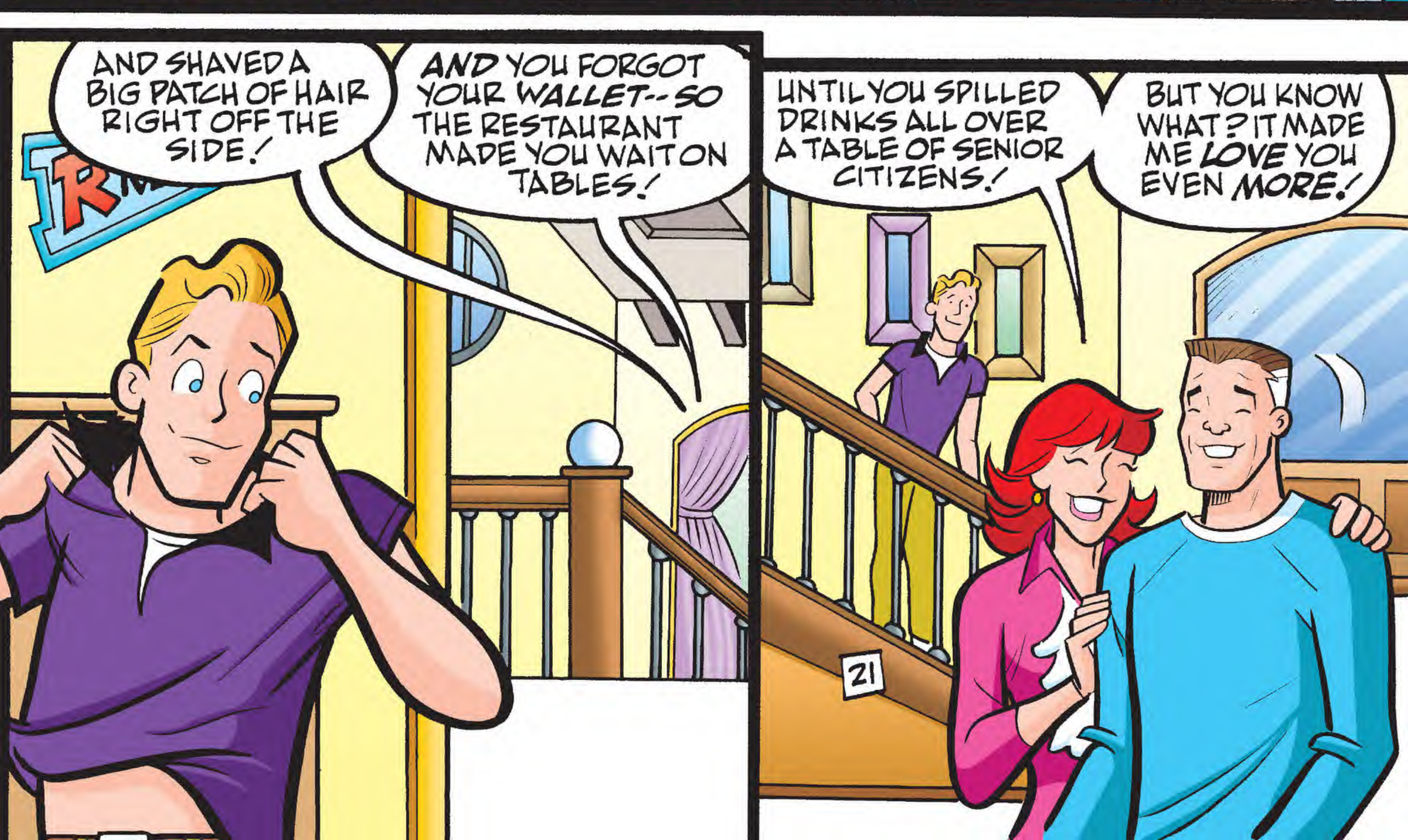
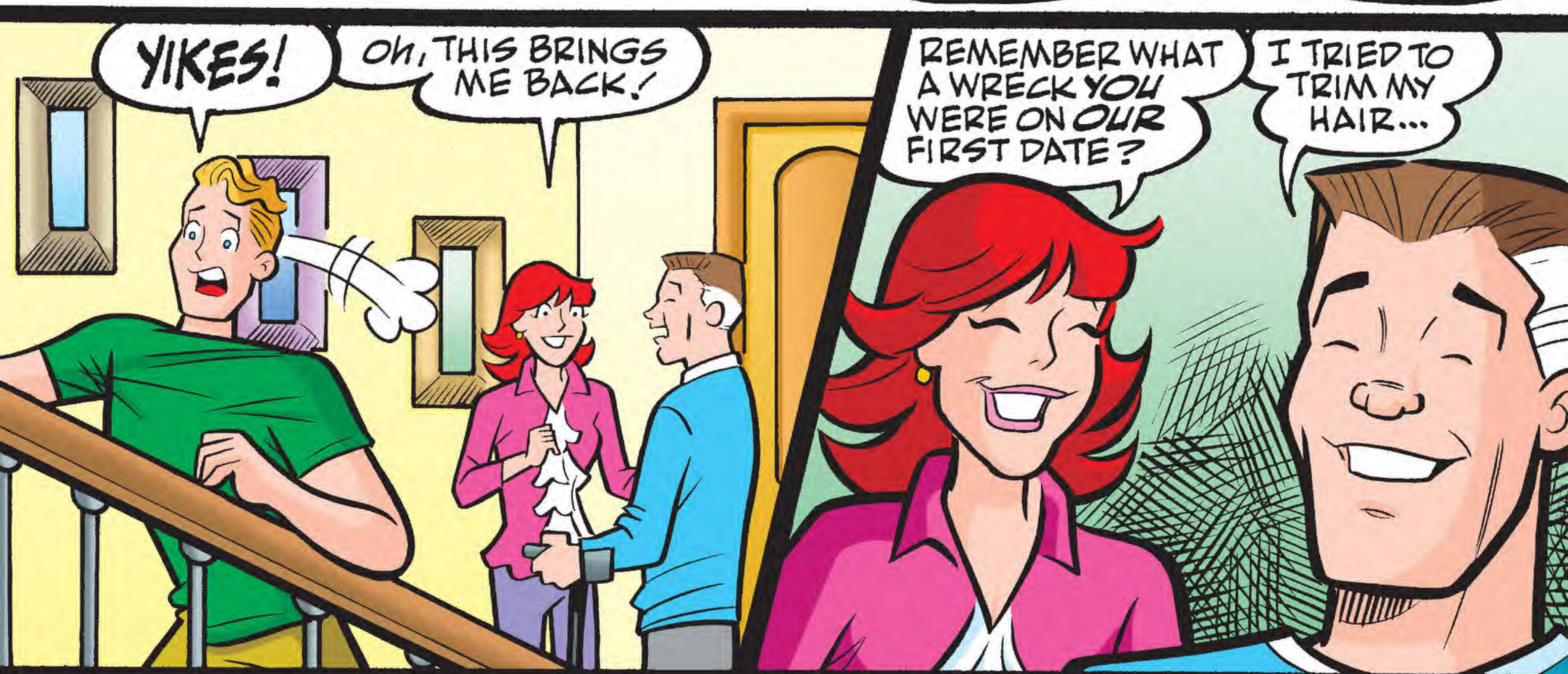
MY DATE'S HERE! IT WAS TODAY, NOT TOMORROW!!

WELL, JUMP IN THE SHOWER! HURRY UP!!

FWUMP

POOR KID'S A WRECK!







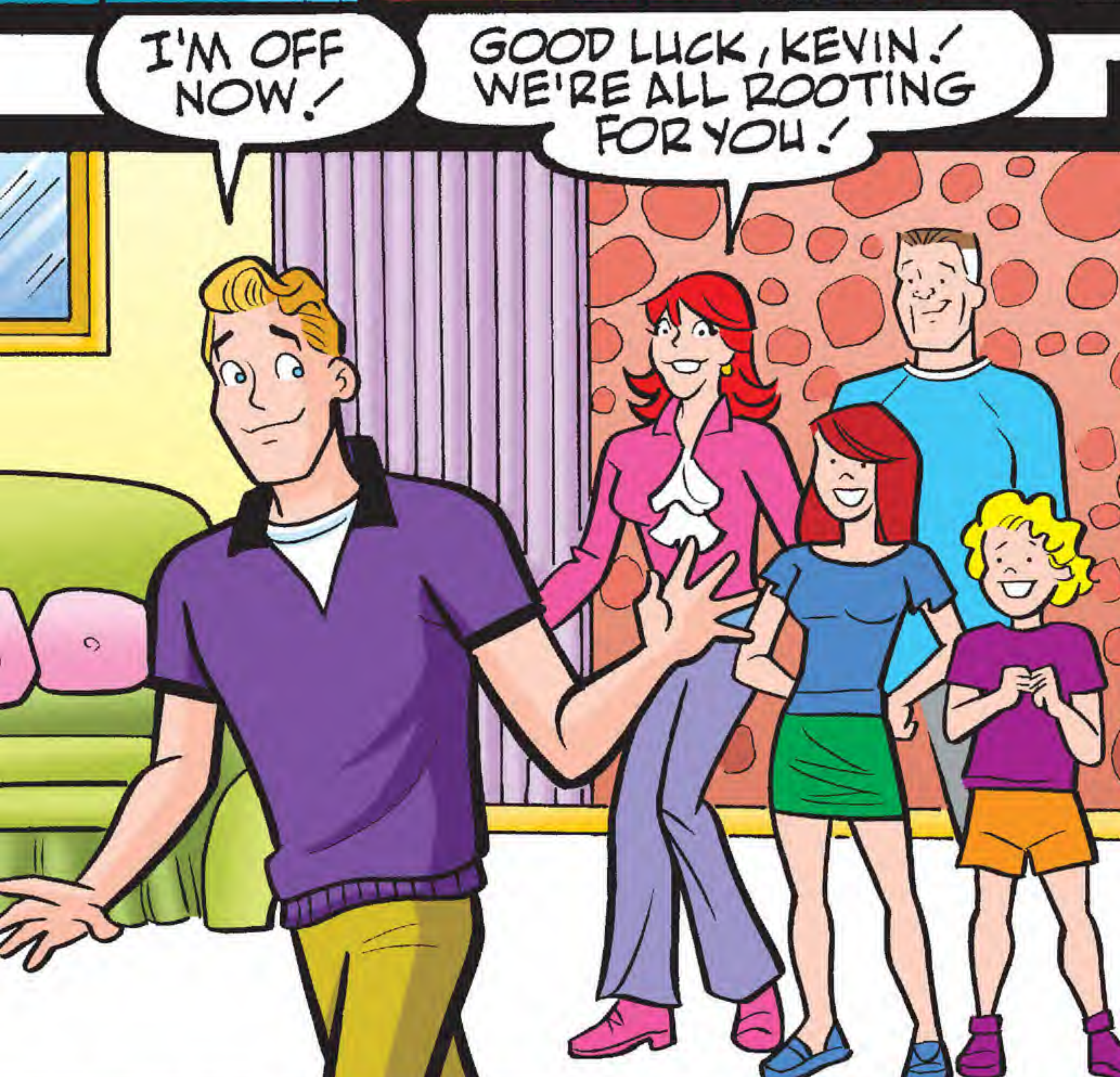


YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT!

WELL, YOU HAVE! YOUR HAIRCUT IS EVEN NOW!

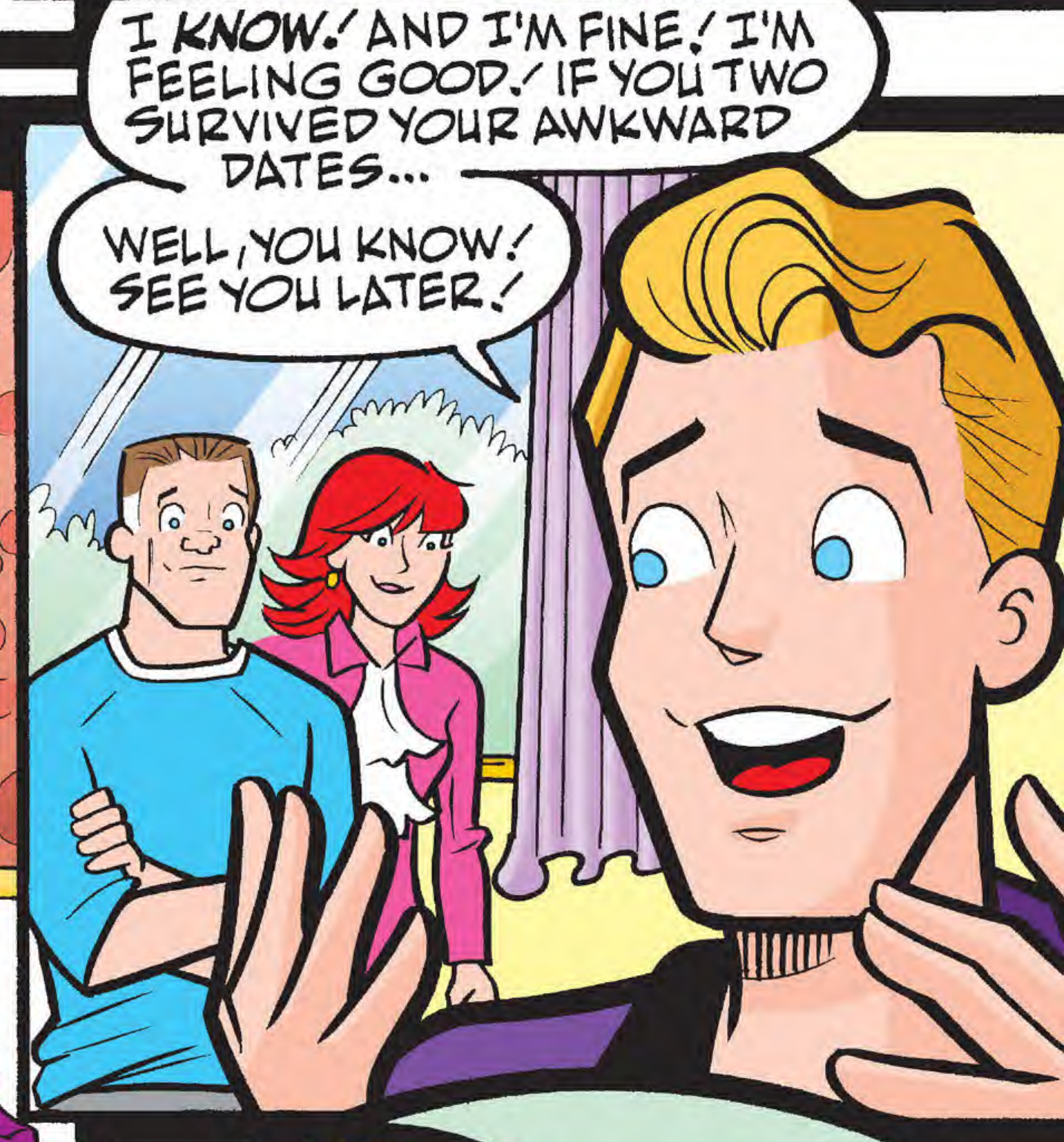


I LOVE YOU!



I'M OFF NOW!

GOOD LUCK, KEVIN! WE'RE ALL ROOTING FOR YOU!



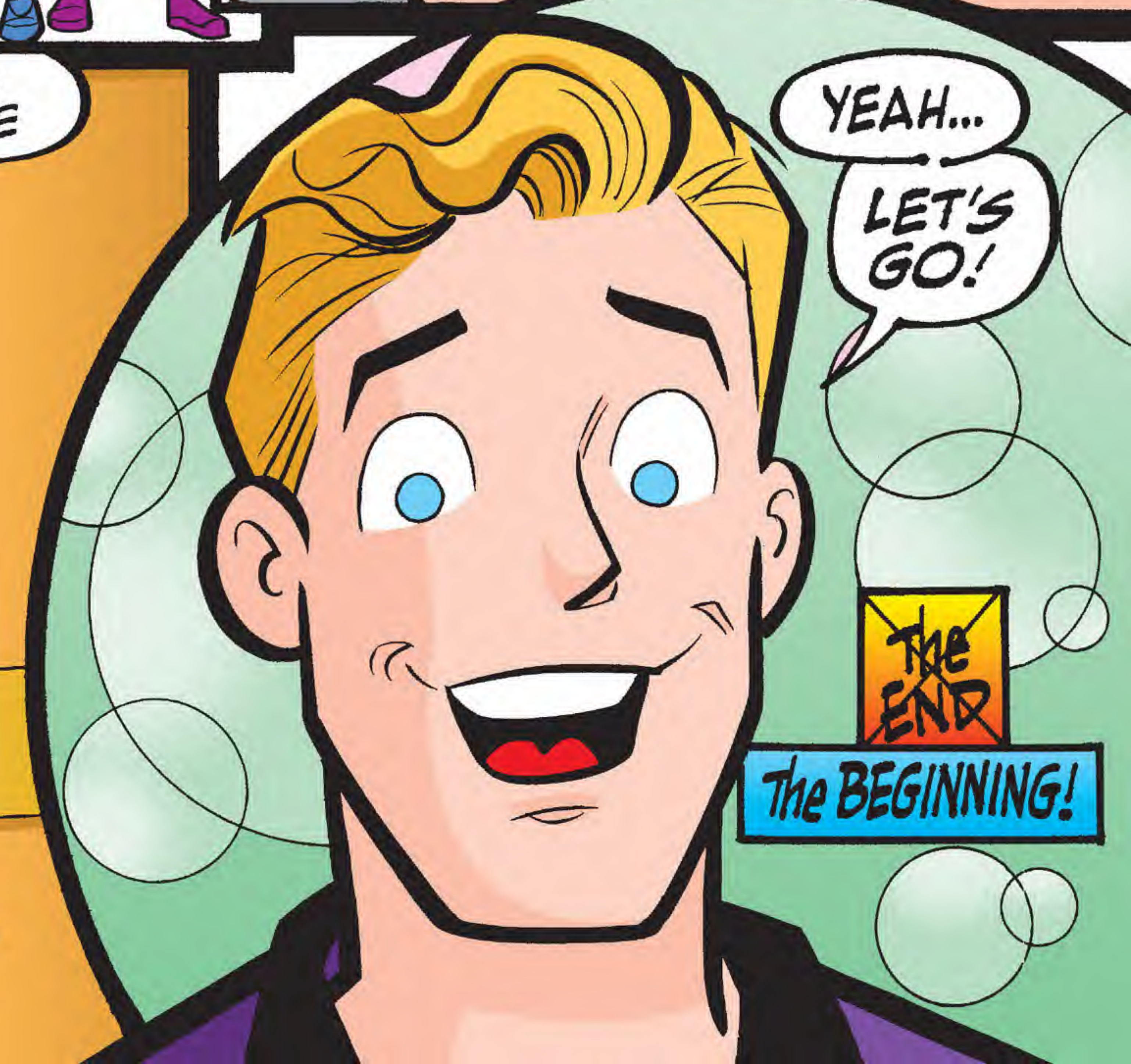
I KNOW! AND I'M FINE! I'M FEELING GOOD! IF YOU TWO SURVIVED YOUR AWKWARD DATES...

WELL, YOU KNOW! SEE YOU LATER!



OH, HEY, BRIAN...

JUST CHECKING TO SEE IF YOU'RE READY...



YEAH...

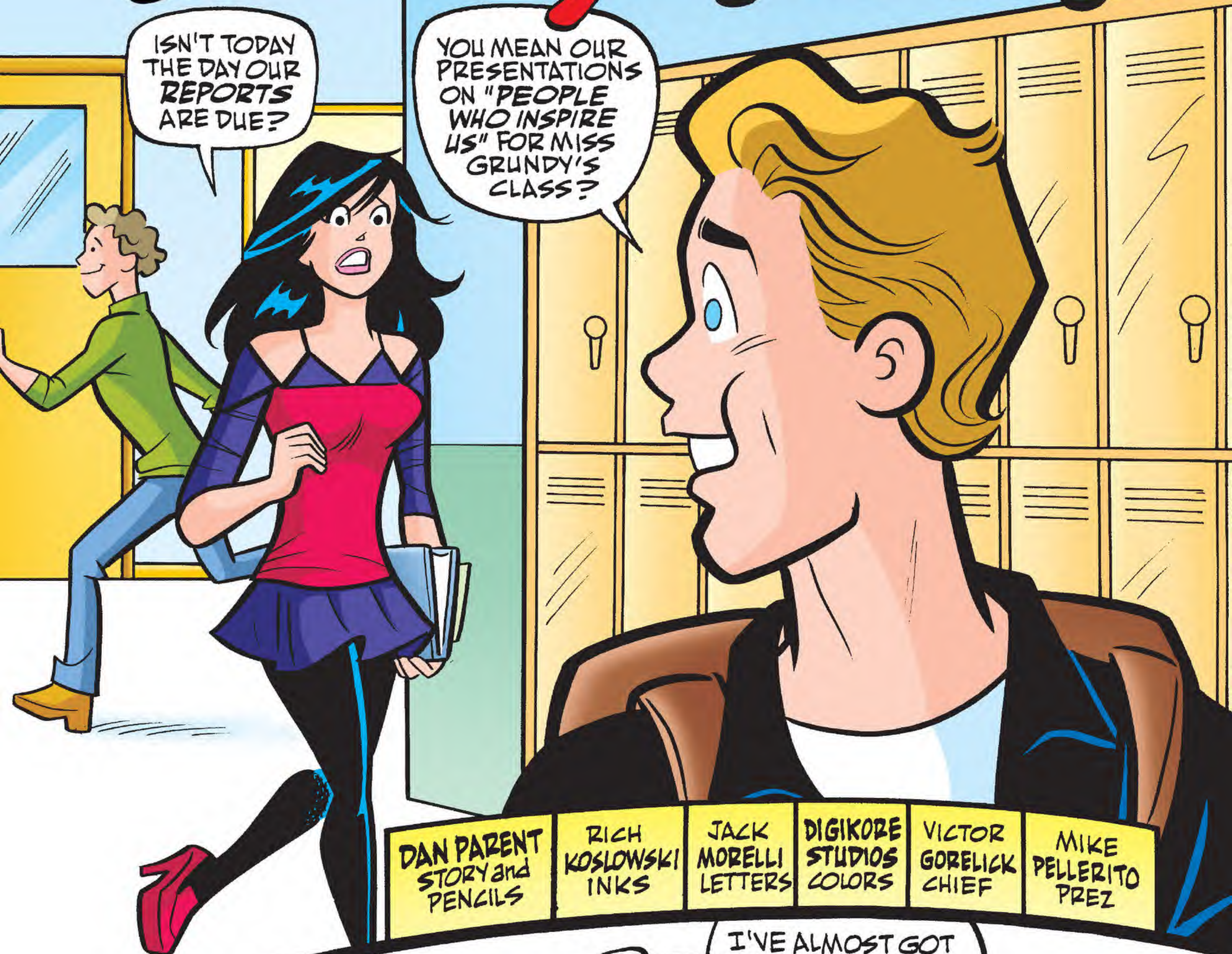
LET'S GO!

THE END

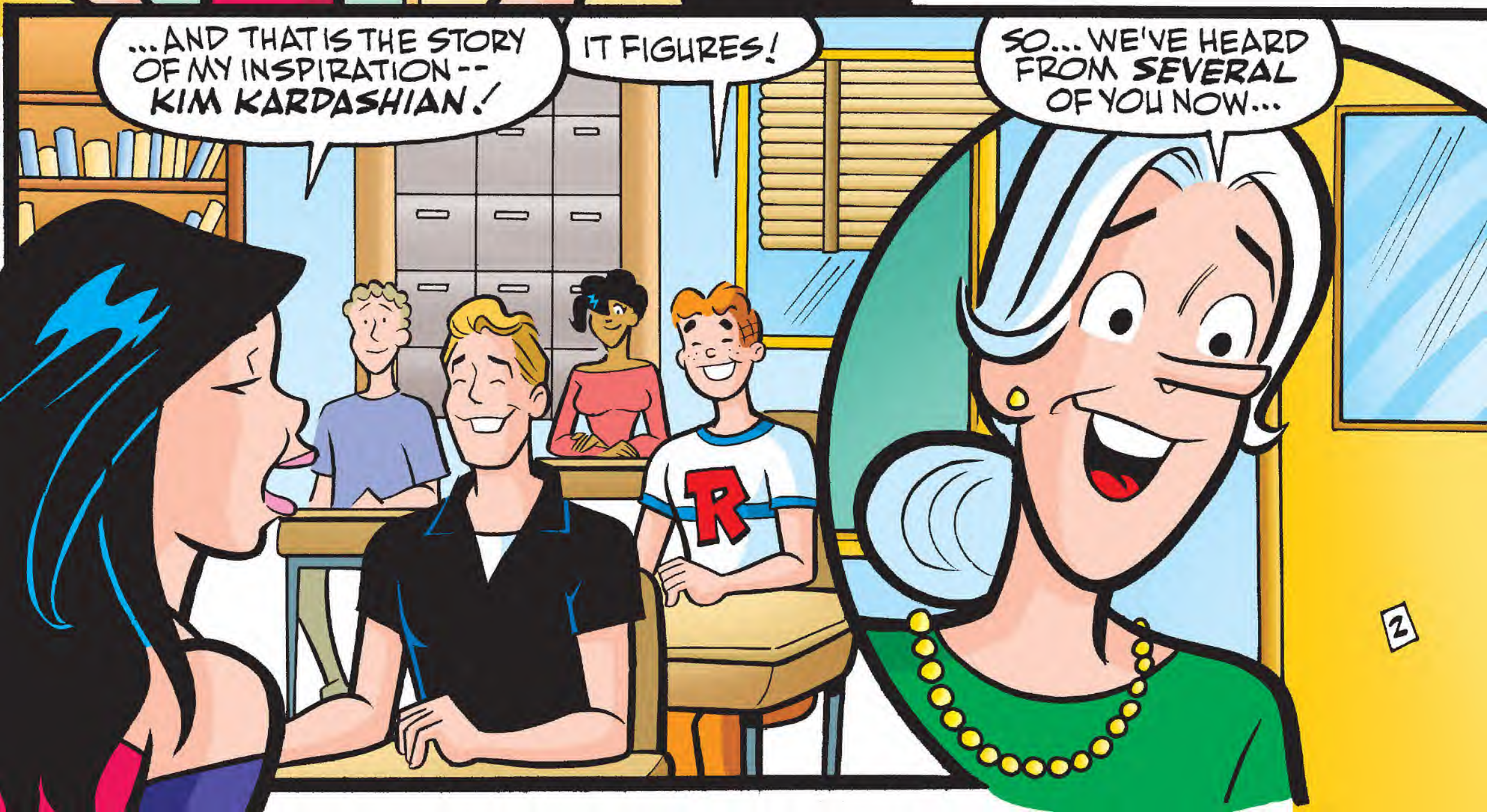
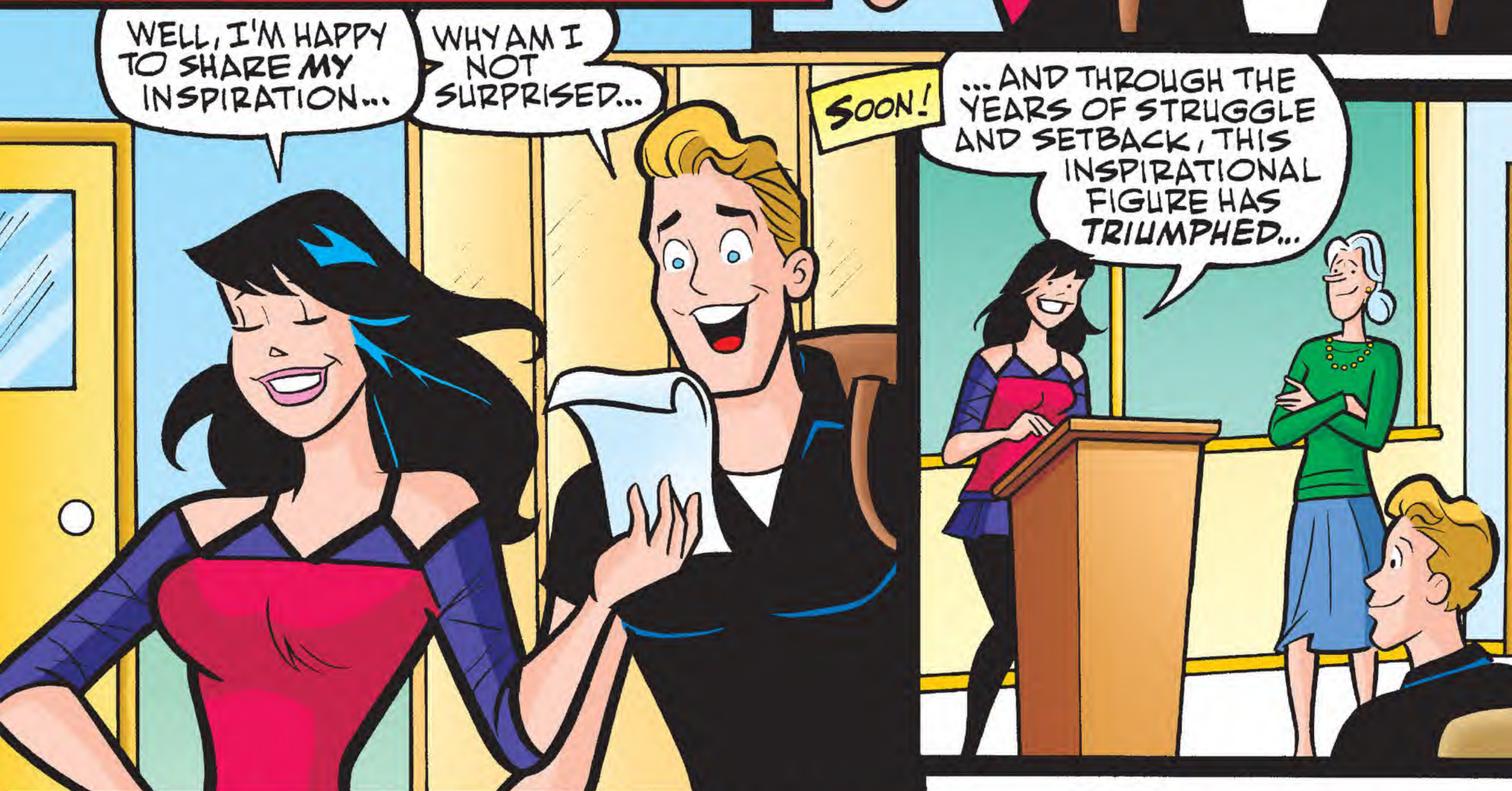
The BEGINNING!



# Kevin Keller <sup>IN</sup> by GEORGE!





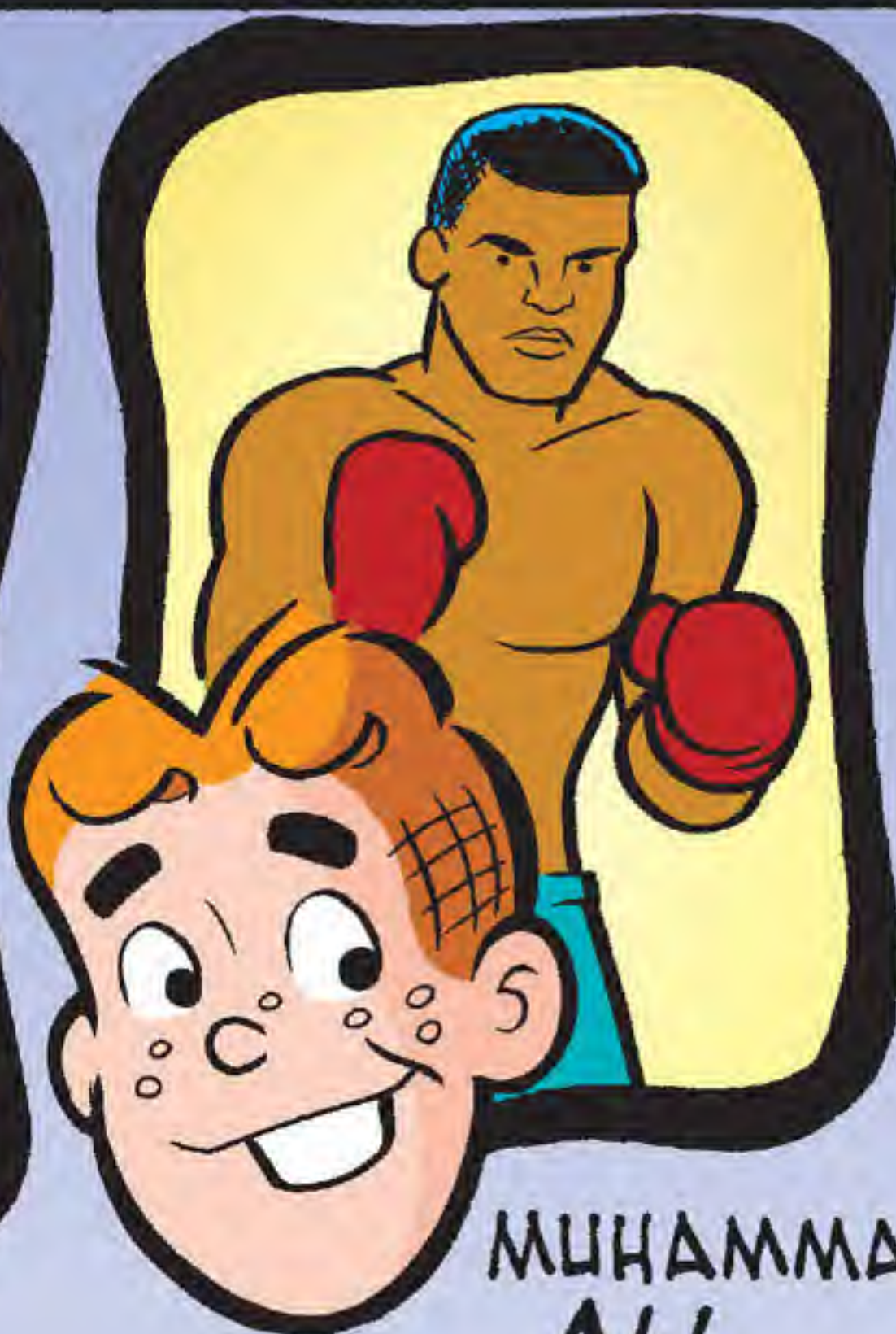




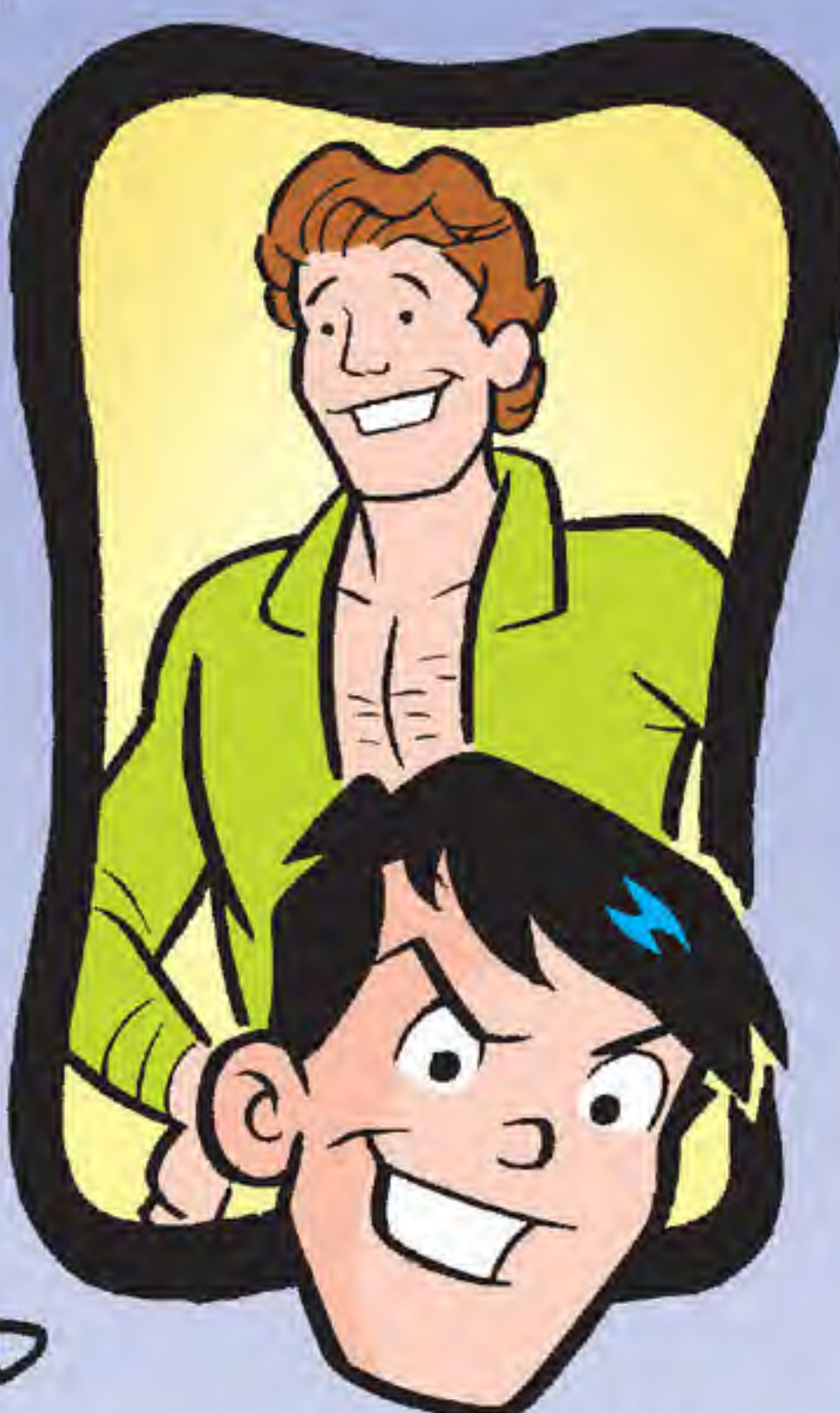
"...WITH AN INTERESTING VARIETY OF INSPIRATIONAL FIGURES TO SAY THE LEAST."



AMELIA  
EARHART



MUHAMMAD  
ALI



DAVID HASSELHOFF



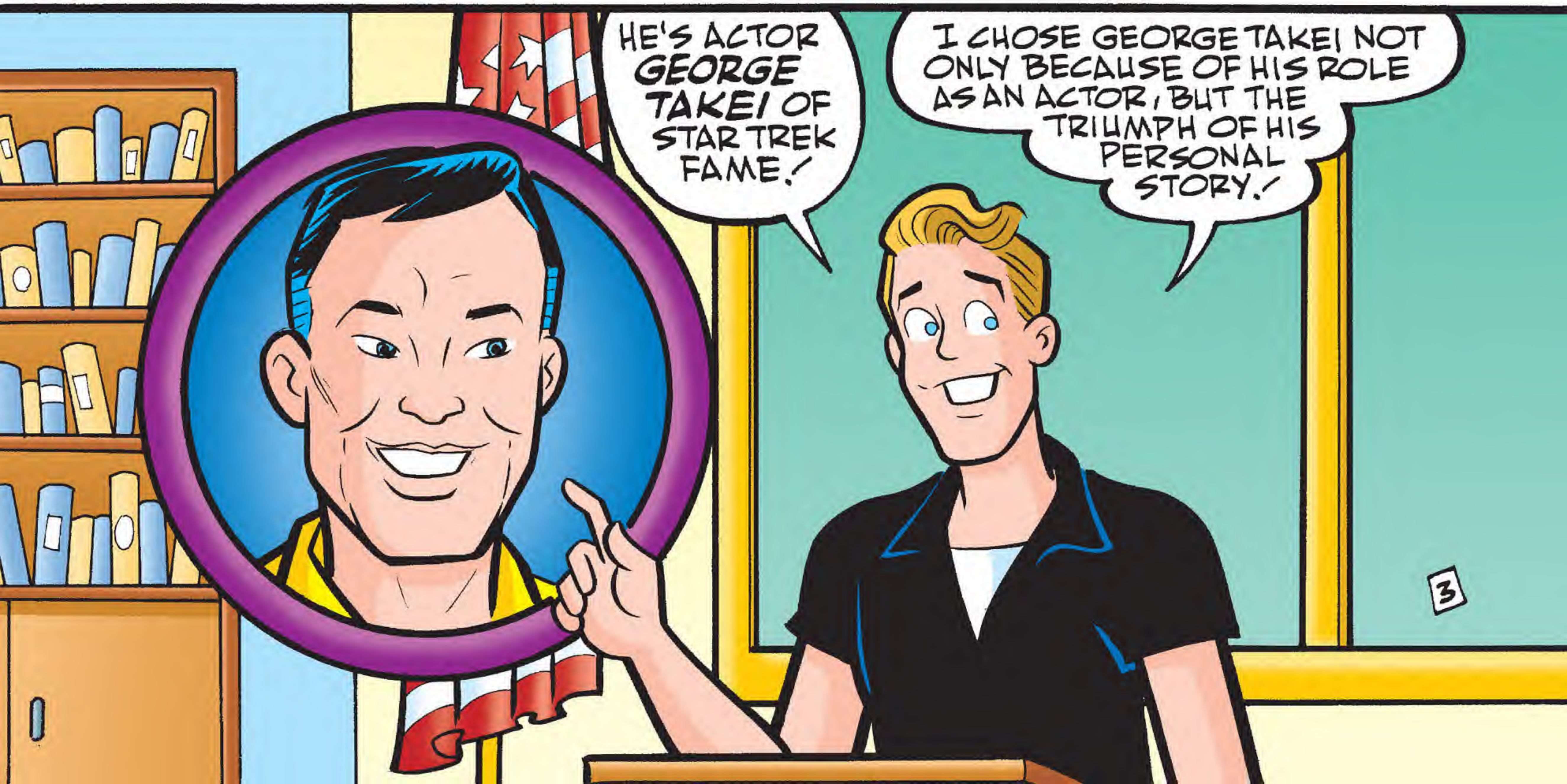
COLONEL  
SANDERS



YOU'RE UP NOW,  
KEVIN!

THANK  
YOU!

MY INSPIRATIONAL  
FIGURE COMES FROM  
THE WORLD OF  
ENTERTAIN-  
MENT!



HE'S ACTOR  
**GEORGE  
TAKEI** OF  
STAR TREK  
FAME!

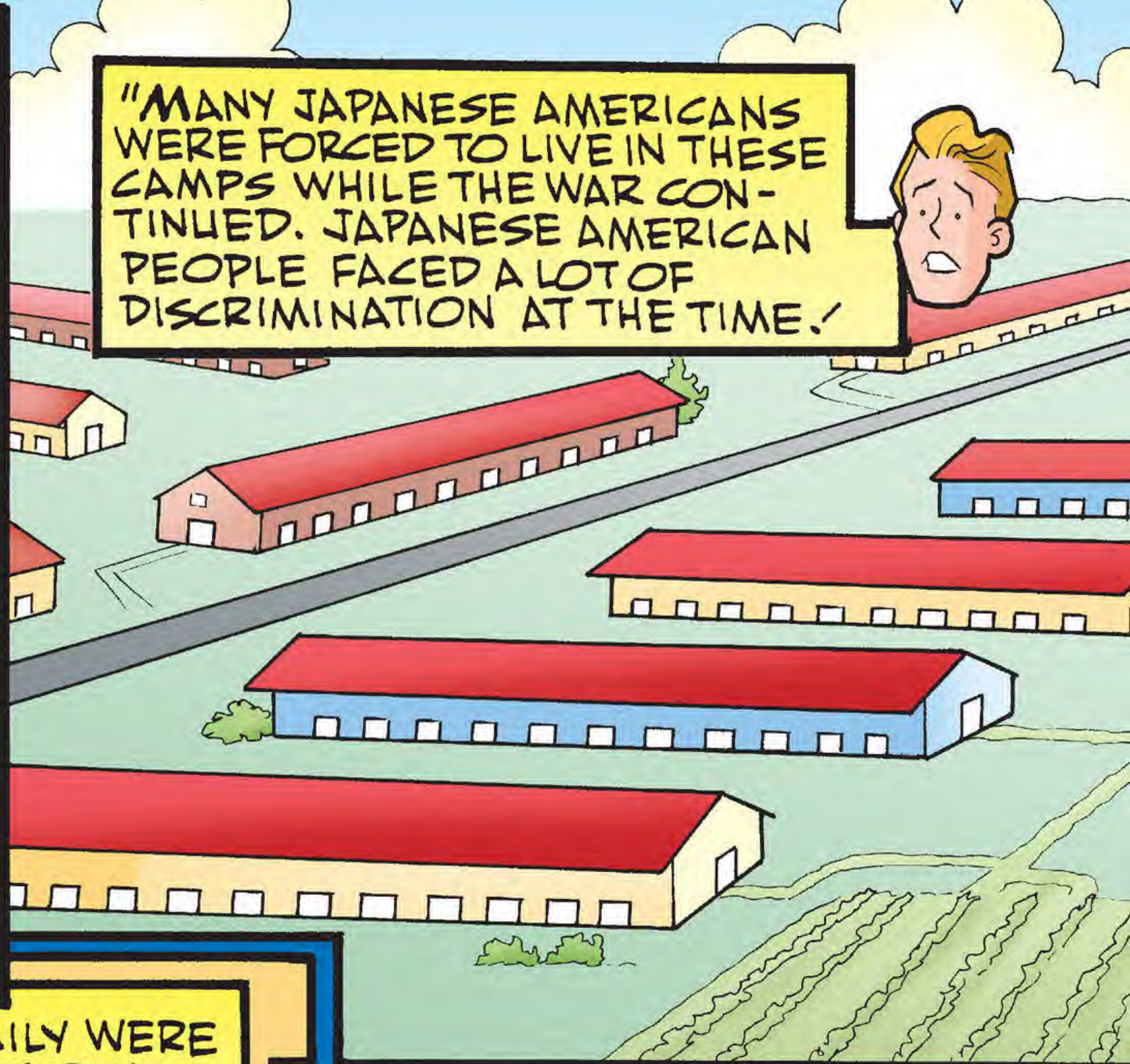
I CHOSE GEORGE TAKEI NOT  
ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE  
AS AN ACTOR, BUT THE  
TRIUMPH OF HIS  
PERSONAL  
STORY!



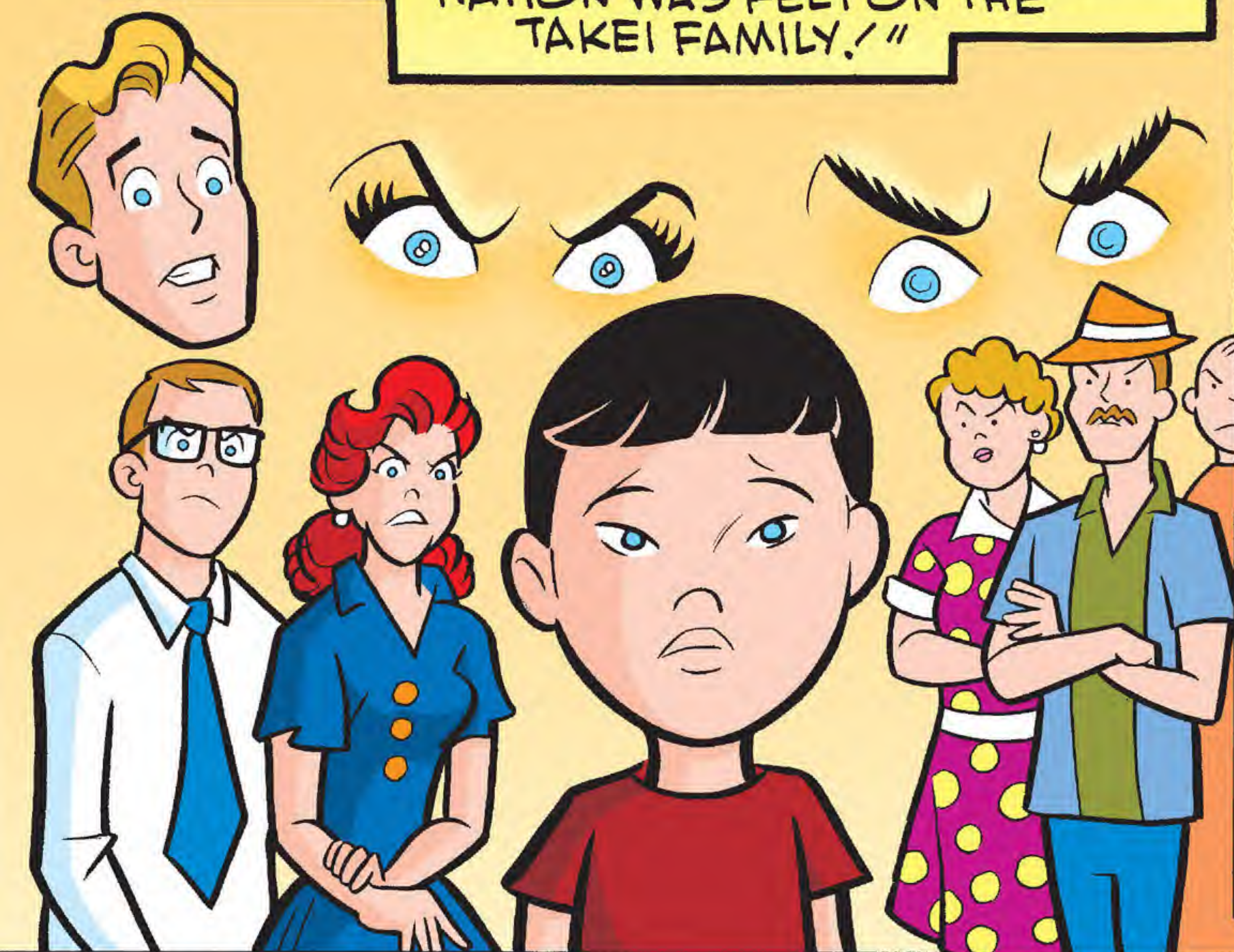
AS A YOUNG BOY, GEORGE AND HIS FAMILY WERE FORCED TO LIVE IN AN INTERNMENT CAMP DURING WORLD WAR II.



"MANY JAPANESE AMERICANS WERE FORCED TO LIVE IN THESE CAMPS WHILE THE WAR CONTINUED. JAPANESE AMERICAN PEOPLE FACING A LOT OF DISCRIMINATION AT THE TIME."



"EVENTUALLY, GEORGE AND HIS FAMILY WERE SET FREE! BUT THE IMPACT OF DISCRIMINATION WAS FELT ON THE TAKEI FAMILY."



GEORGE BEGAN HIS BUSY CAREER IN HOLLYWOOD AS A YOUNG MAN.

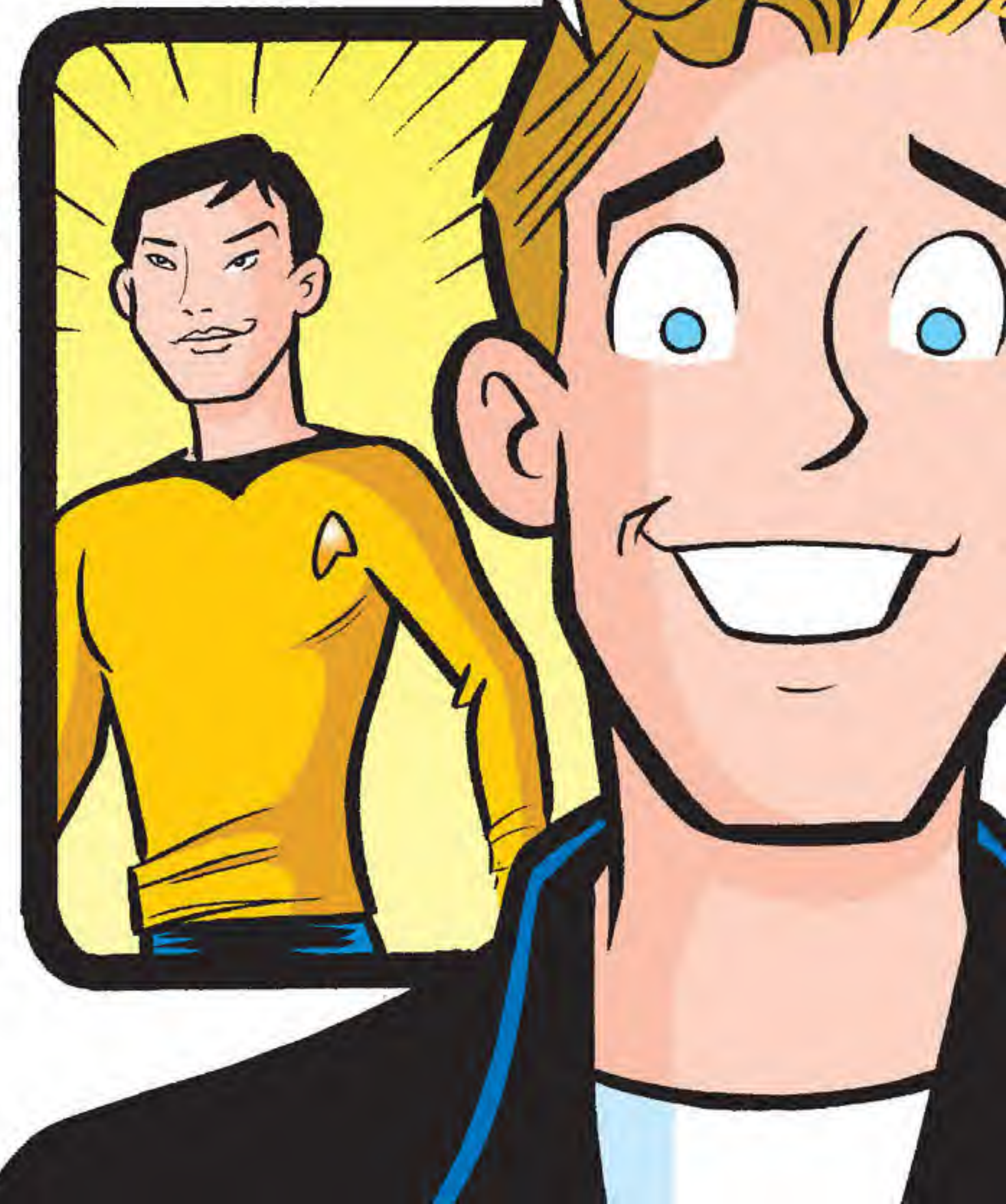


HE APPEARED IN MANY MOVIES AND TELEVISION SHOWS...



...BUT HIS WORLD CHANGED IN 1965 WHEN HE WAS CAST IN THE LEGENDARY "STAR TREK" TV SERIES!

SINCE THAT SERIES, HE HAS APPEARED IN THE STAR TREK MOVIES, PLUS COUNTLESS OTHER TV SHOWS!



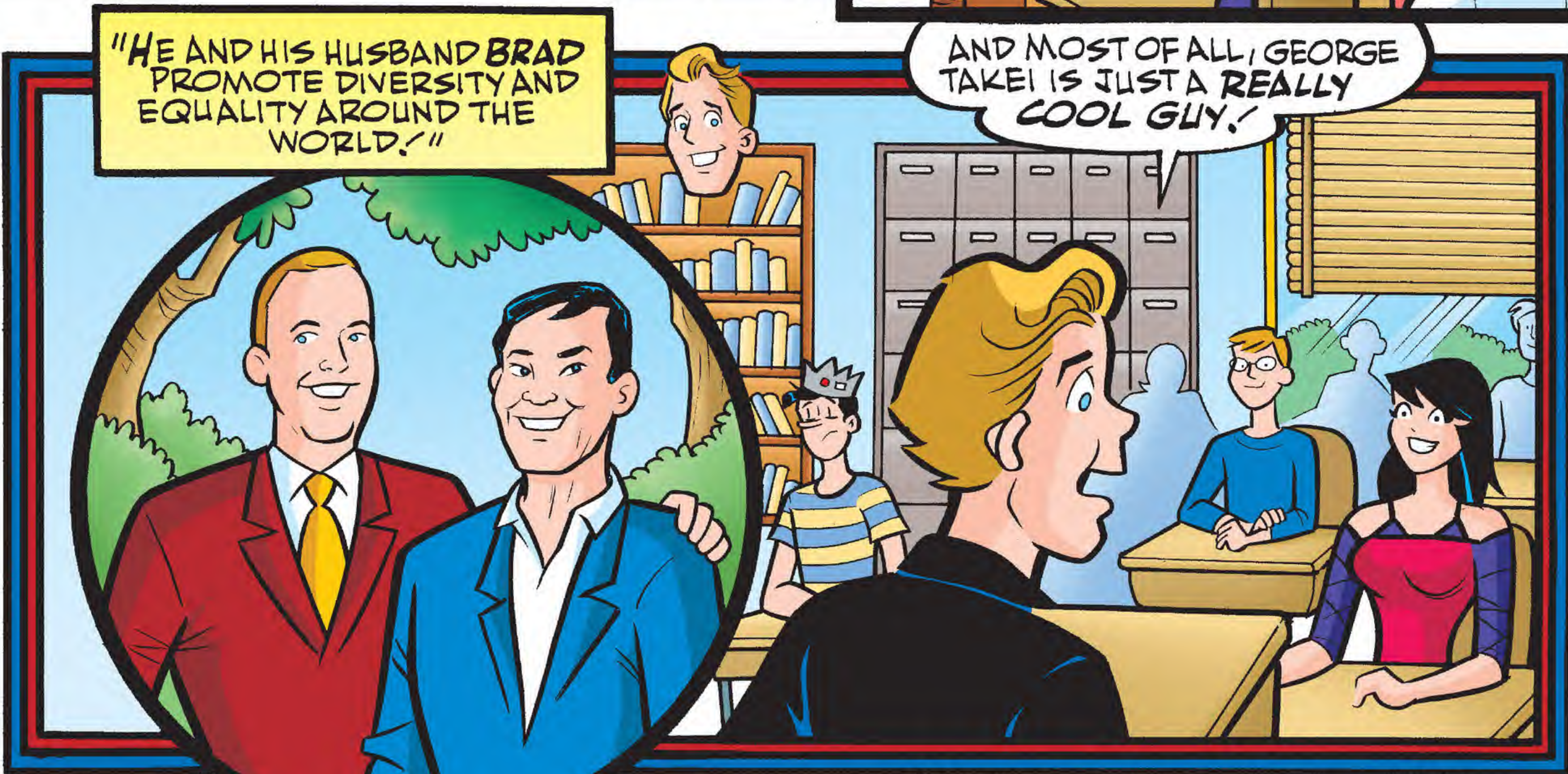




HE ALSO HAS A HUGE FOLLOWING ON THE COMIC BOOK CONVENTION CIRCUIT!



IN THE LAST DECADE, GEORGE CAME OUT AS GAY, SERVING AS AN INSPIRATIONAL FIGURE FOR THE EQUALITY MOVEMENT!



"HE AND HIS HUSBAND BRAD PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY AROUND THE WORLD!"

AND MOST OF ALL, GEORGE TAKEI IS JUST A REALLY COOL GUY!



VERY NICE, KEVIN!

GEE! I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THOSE THINGS ABOUT SULLU!



AND TO THINK, HE'S GOING TO BE AT THE SMITHVILLE COMIC-CON THIS WEEKEND!

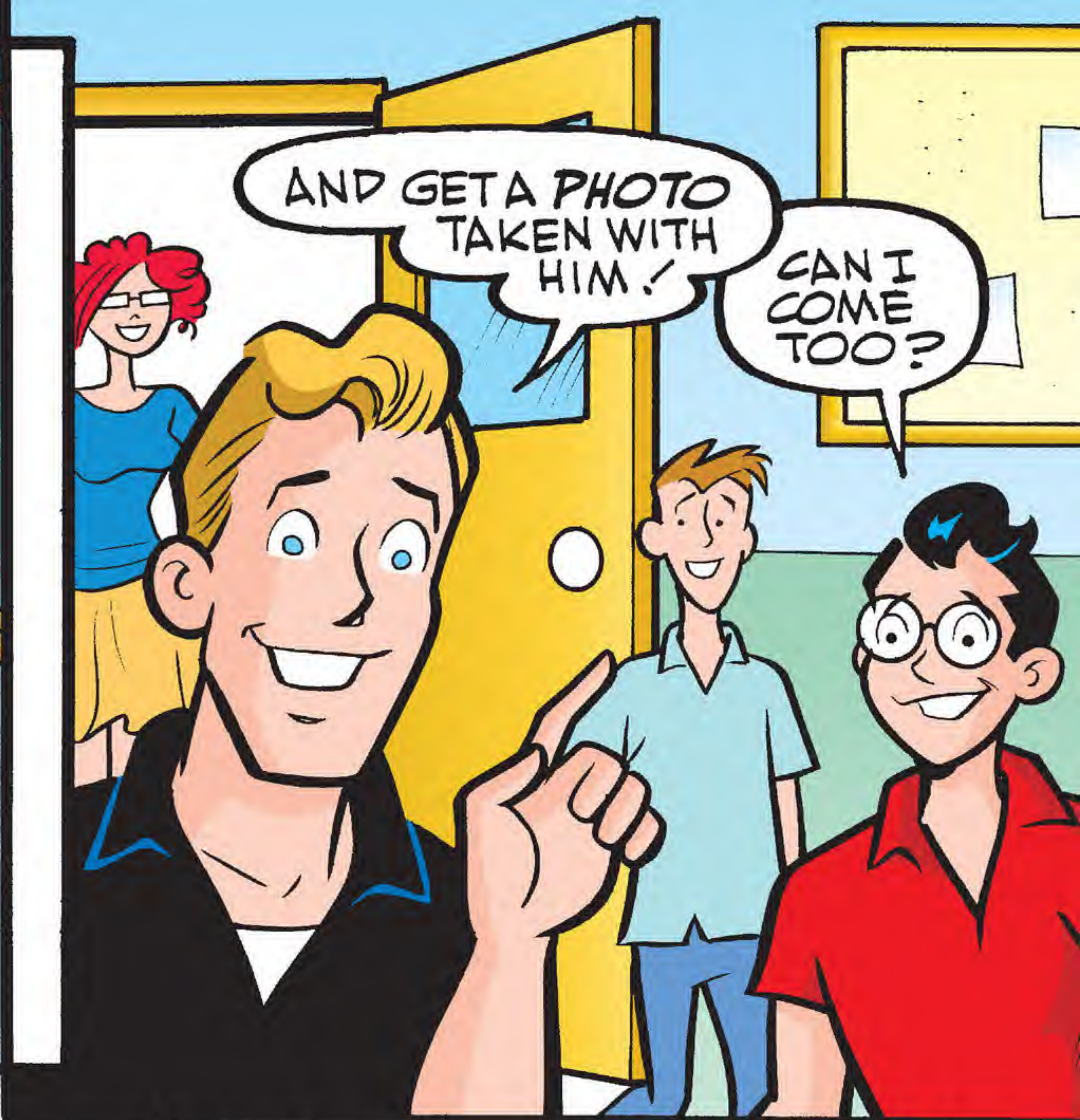
HE IS?





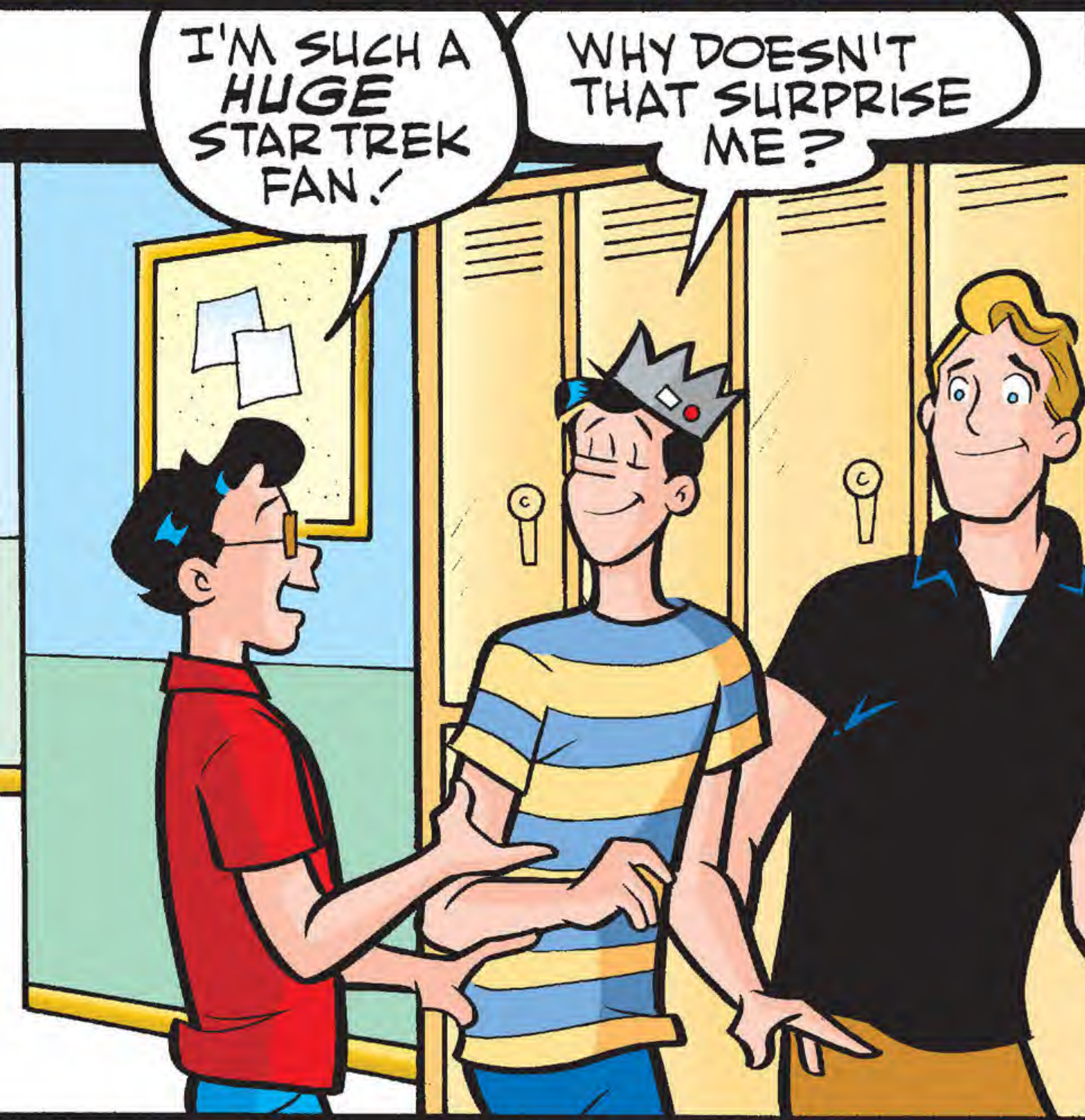
WOW! WE SHOULD GO SEE HIM!

MAYBE YOU CAN SHOW HIM YOUR REPORT!



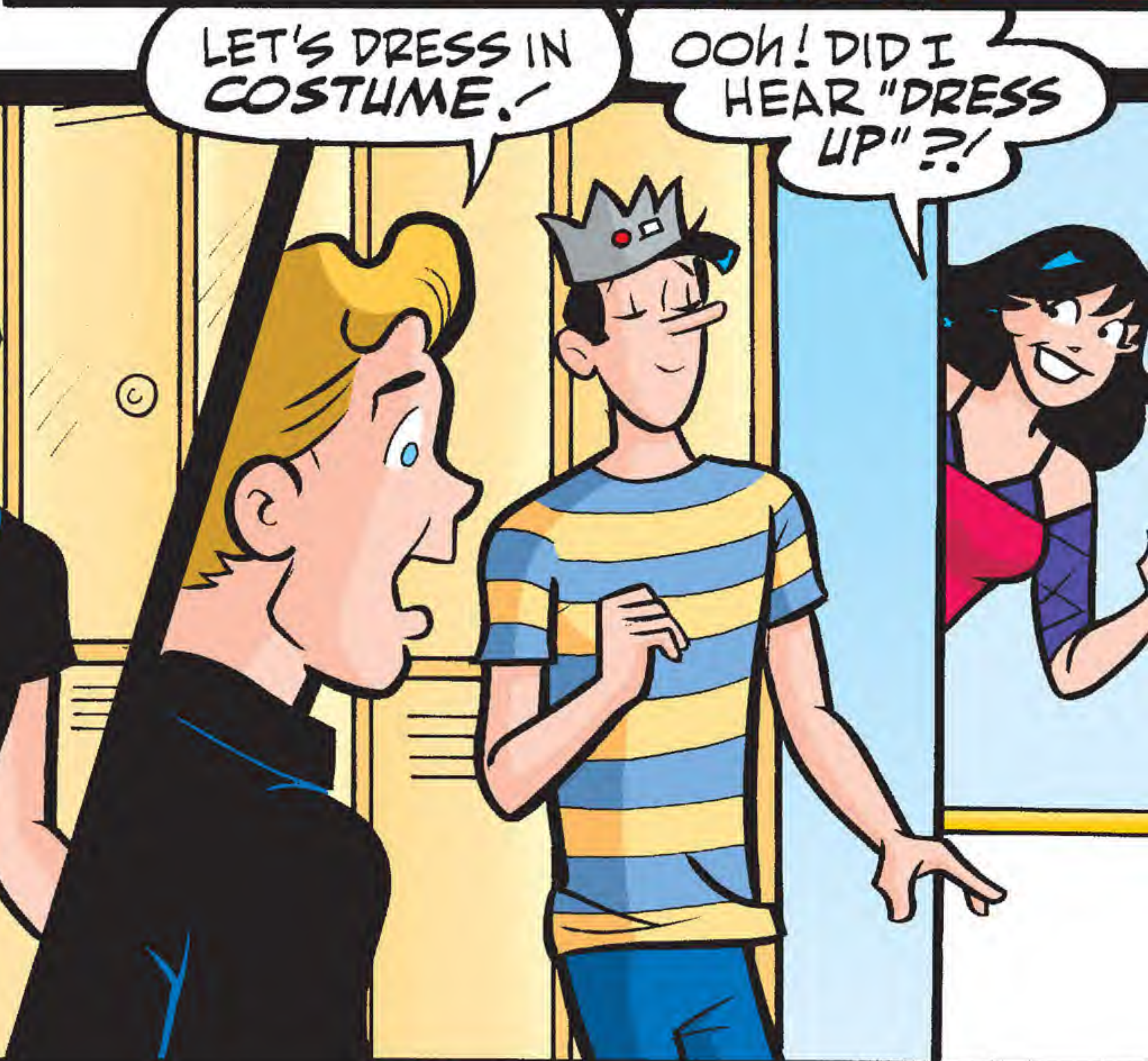
AND GET A PHOTO TAKEN WITH HIM!

CAN I COME TOO?



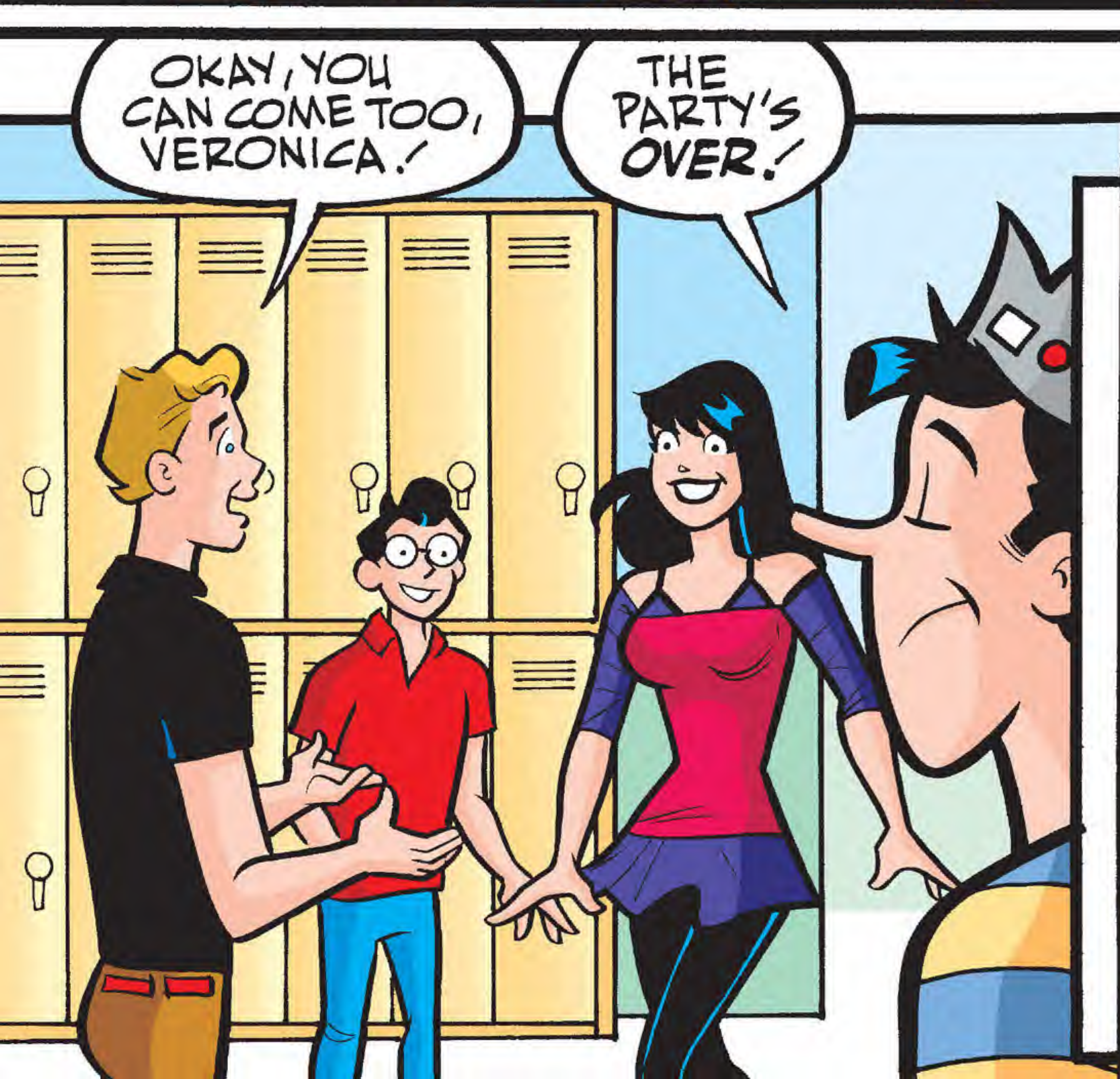
I'M SUCH A **HUGE** STAR TREK FAN!

WHY DOESN'T THAT SURPRISE ME?



LET'S DRESS IN **COSTUME**!

OOH! DID I HEAR "DRESS UP" ?!



OKAY, YOU CAN COME TOO, VERONICA!

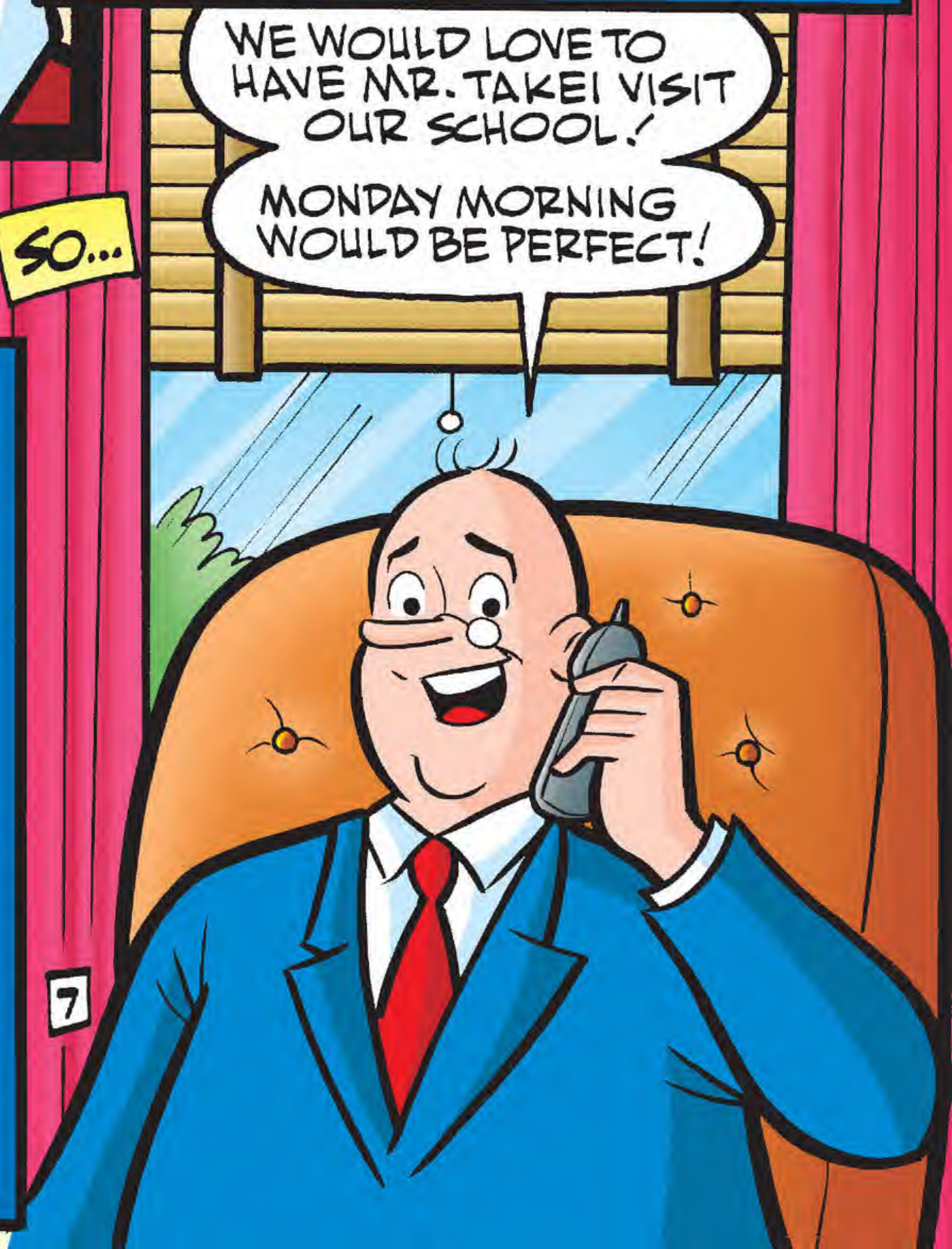
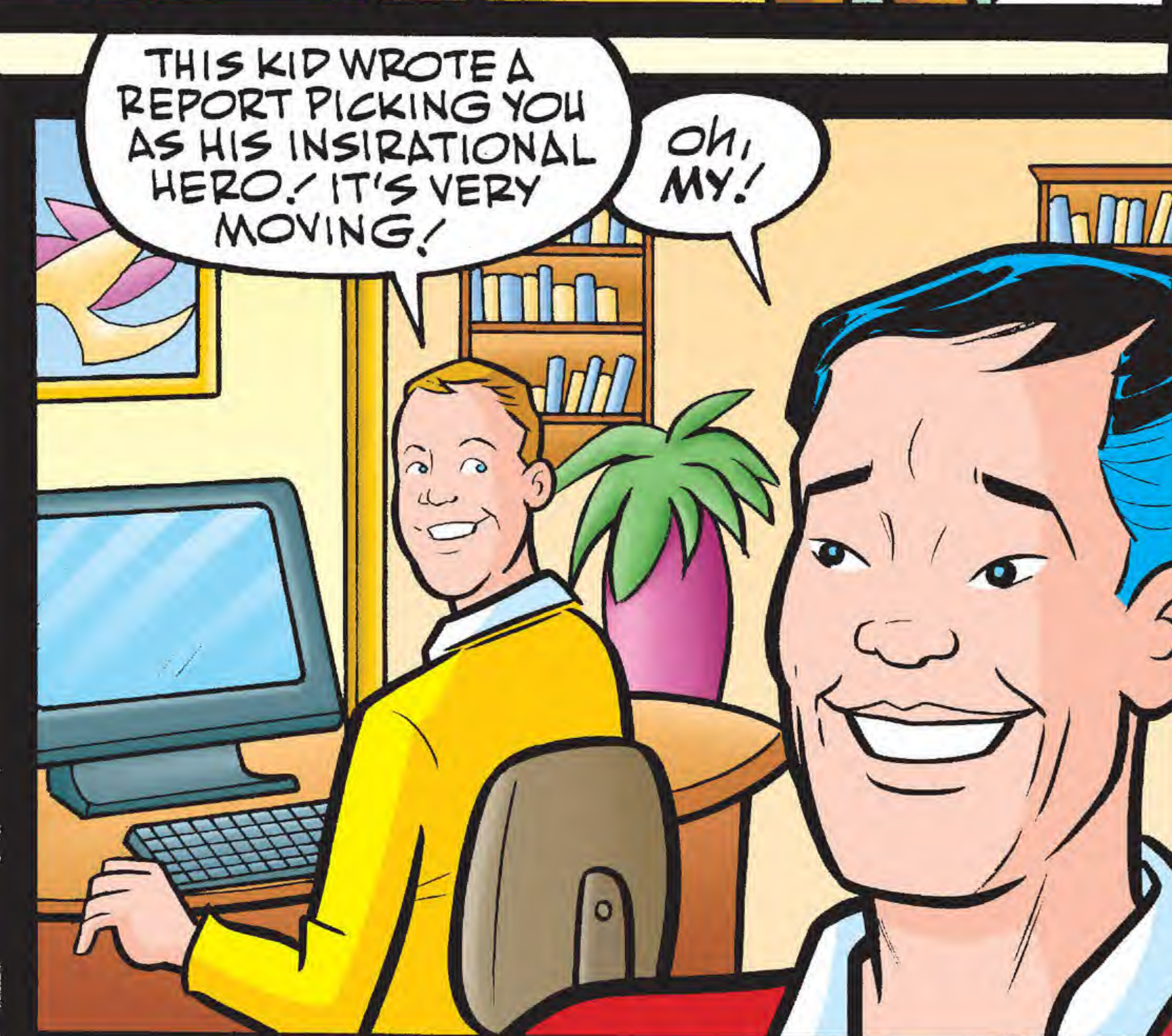
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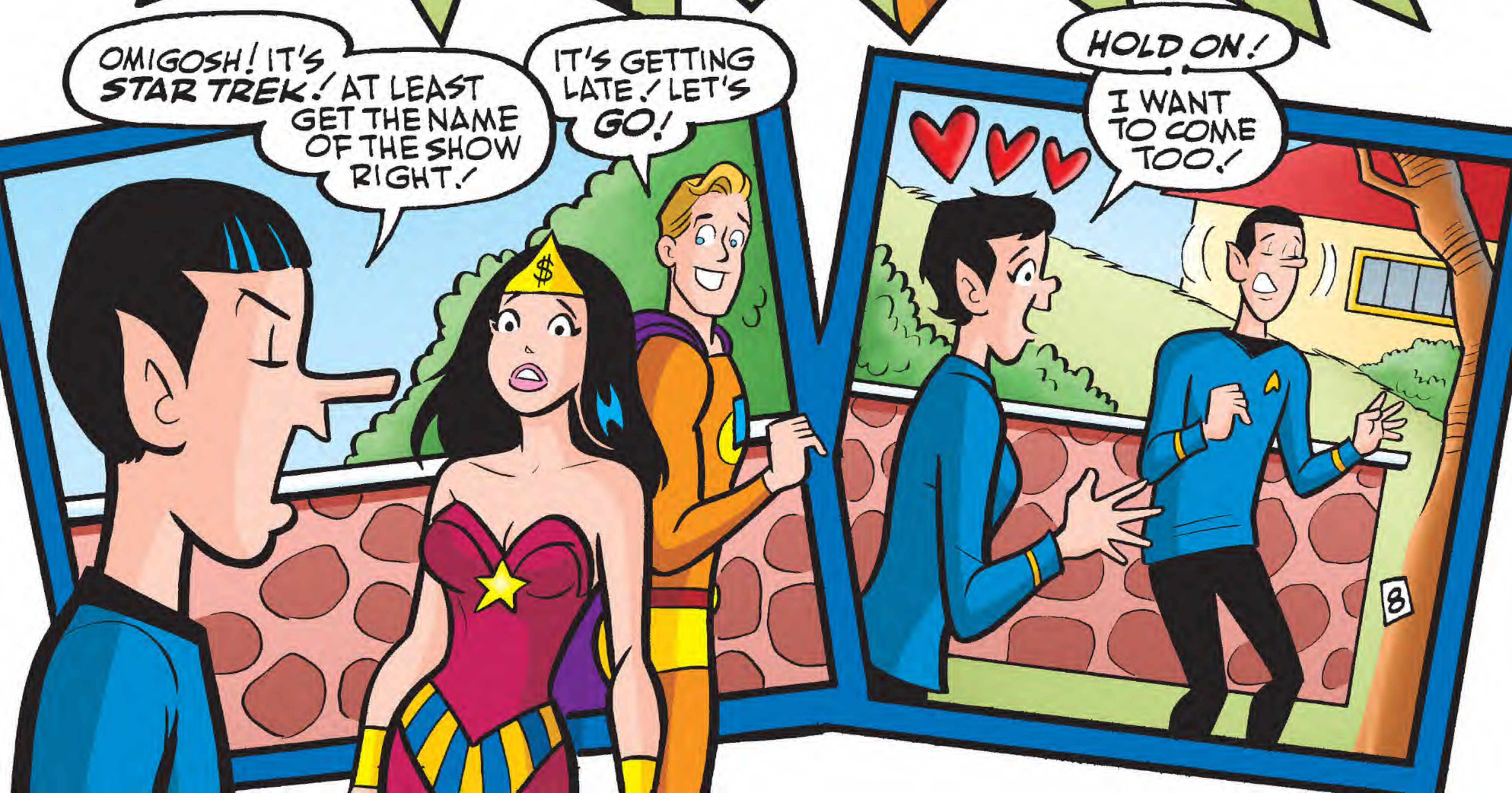
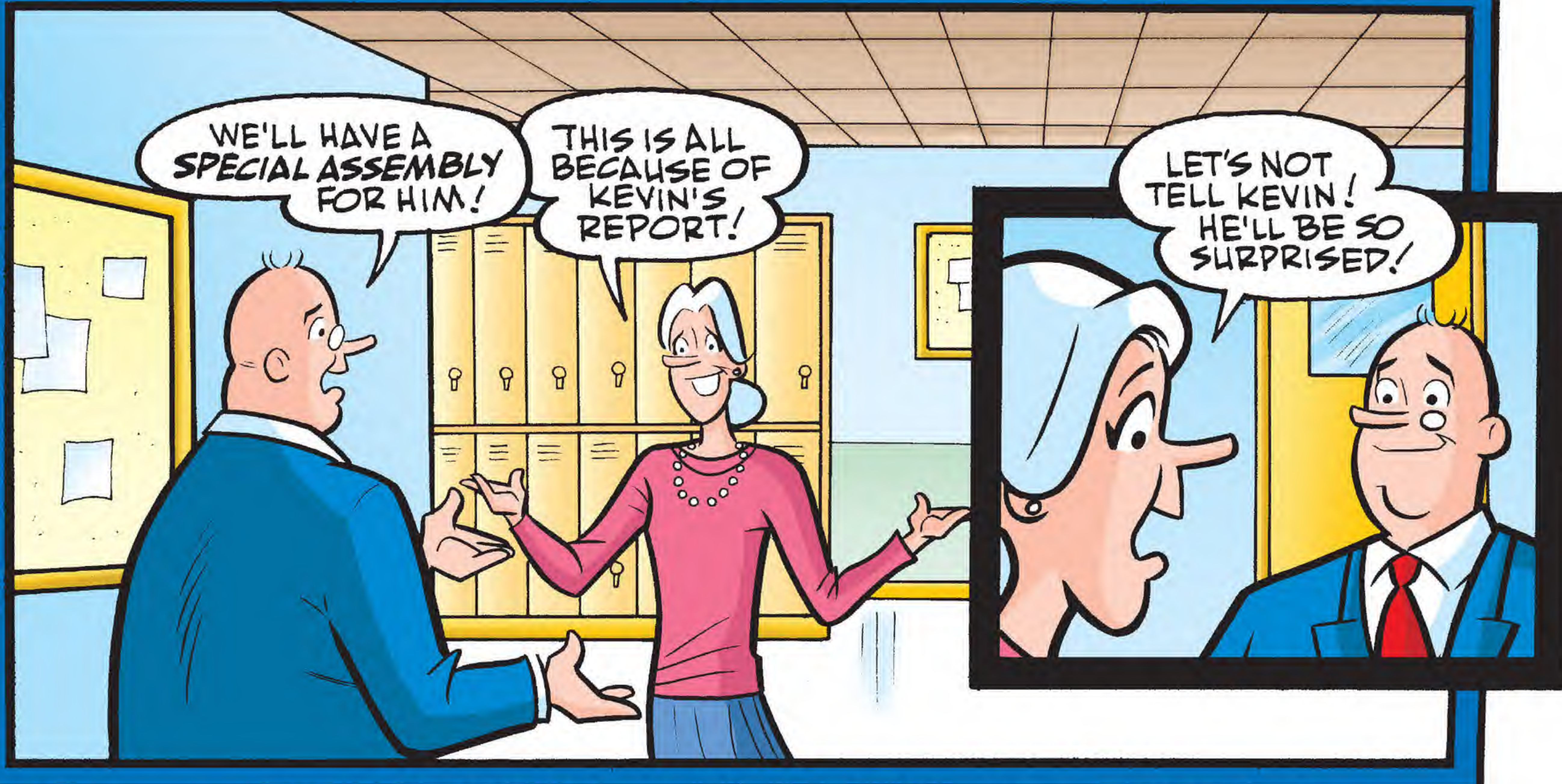
VERY FUNNY.

WE'LL DRIVE OUT THIS WEEKEND!

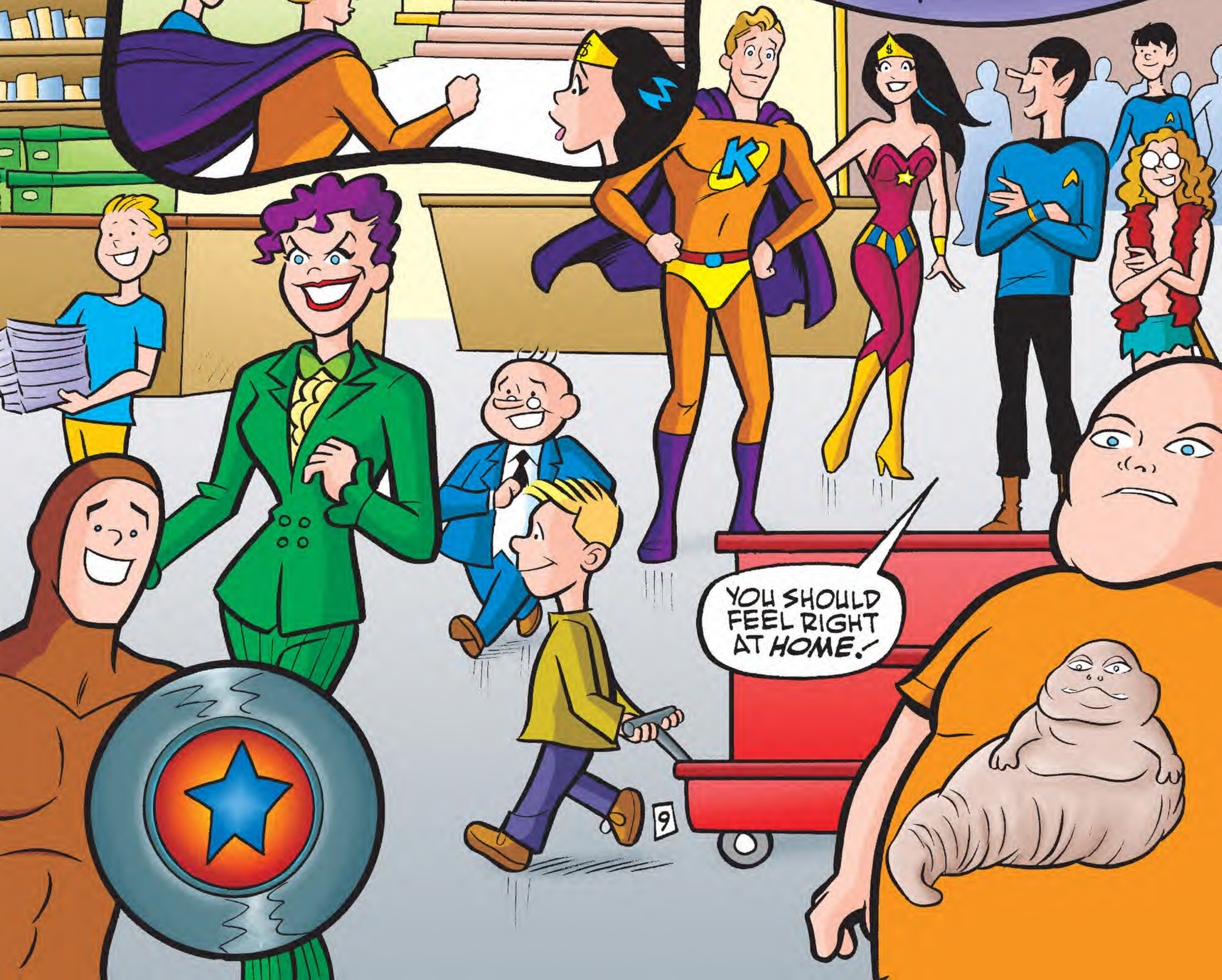
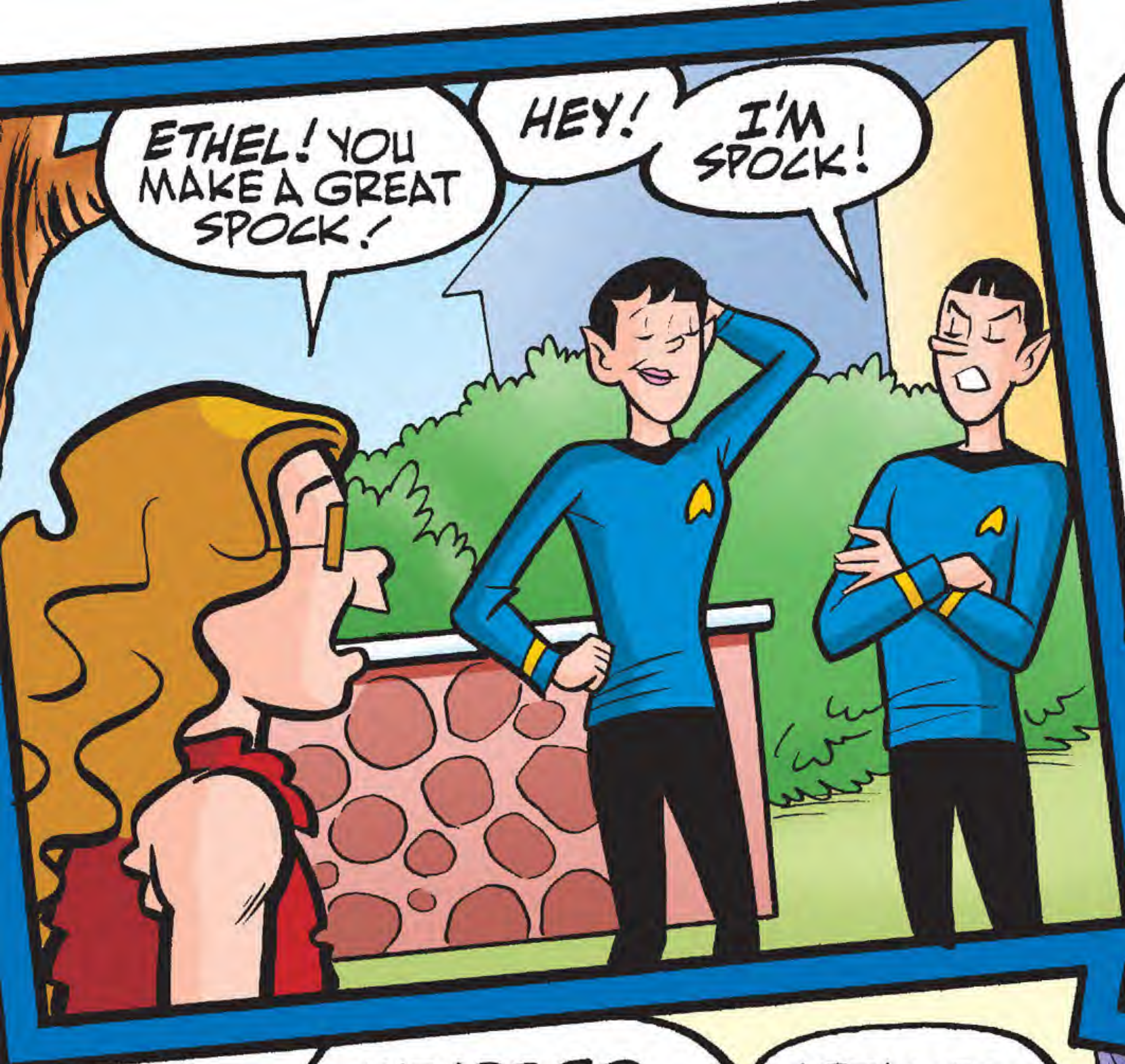














← ARTISTS ALLEY

SMALL PRESS →

AUTOGRAPHS →

← DEALERS

OKAY! JUST A FEW MORE FOLKS CAN GET AN AUTOGRAPH FROM MR. TAKEI!

HE HAS TO LEAVE A BIT EARLY.

GEORGE TAKEI

WE HAVE TO LEAVE NOW FOR RIVERDALE!

WE WANT TO GET YOU SETTLED BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE TOMORROW!

BAM

COMICS

BAM

LIVE LONG AND PROSPER!

BYE, GEORGE!

WE LOVE YOU!

SULL RULES!

BOB'S COMICS

IT SAYS GEORGE IS IN SECTION B-17!

THIS PLACE IS HUGE! HOW DOES ANYONE FIND ANYTHING HERE?!

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← ARTISTS' ALLEY

← AUTOGRAPHS

← DEALERS

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COM



WE'RE HERE!

WHERE'S MR. TAKEI?



HE HAD TO LEAVE FOR ANOTHER APPEARANCE!

OH, NO! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!!



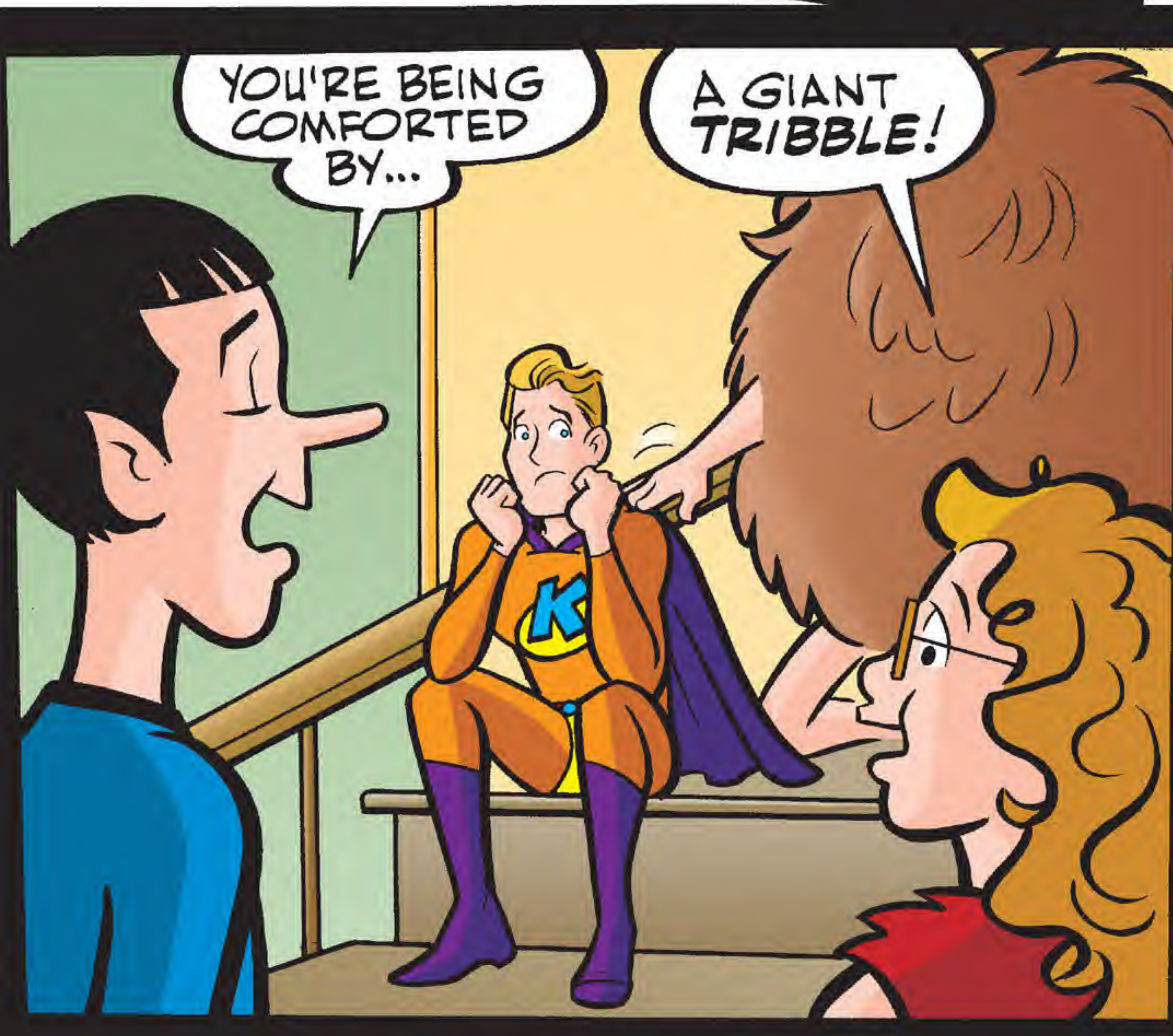
DRAT! ALL THIS FOR NOTHING!

WE'RE STILL HERE AT THE CON! WE CAN STILL HAVE FUN!



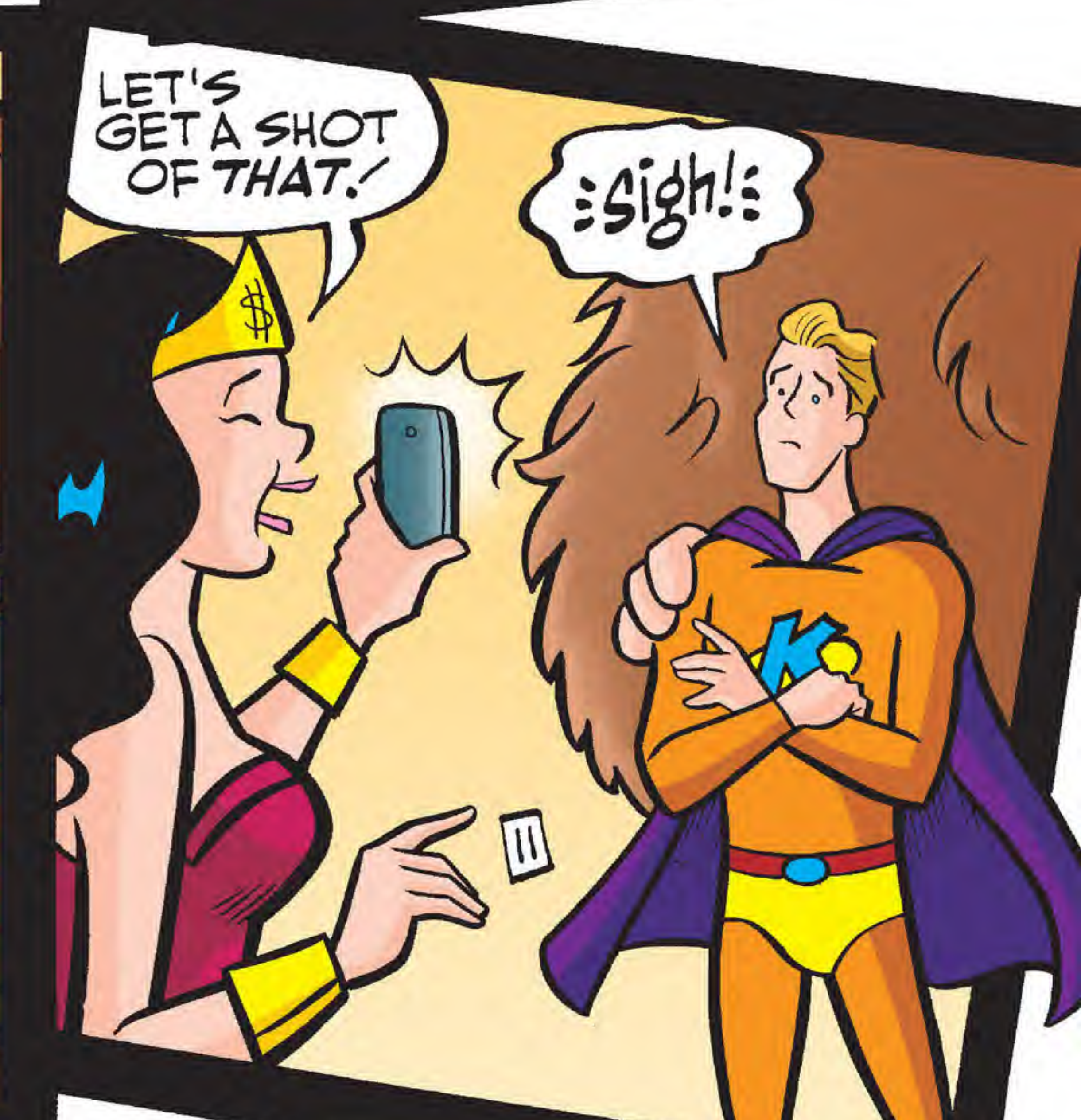
I GUESS... BUT I FEEL SO... BUMMED!

PAT PAT PAT



YOU'RE BEING COMFORTED BY...

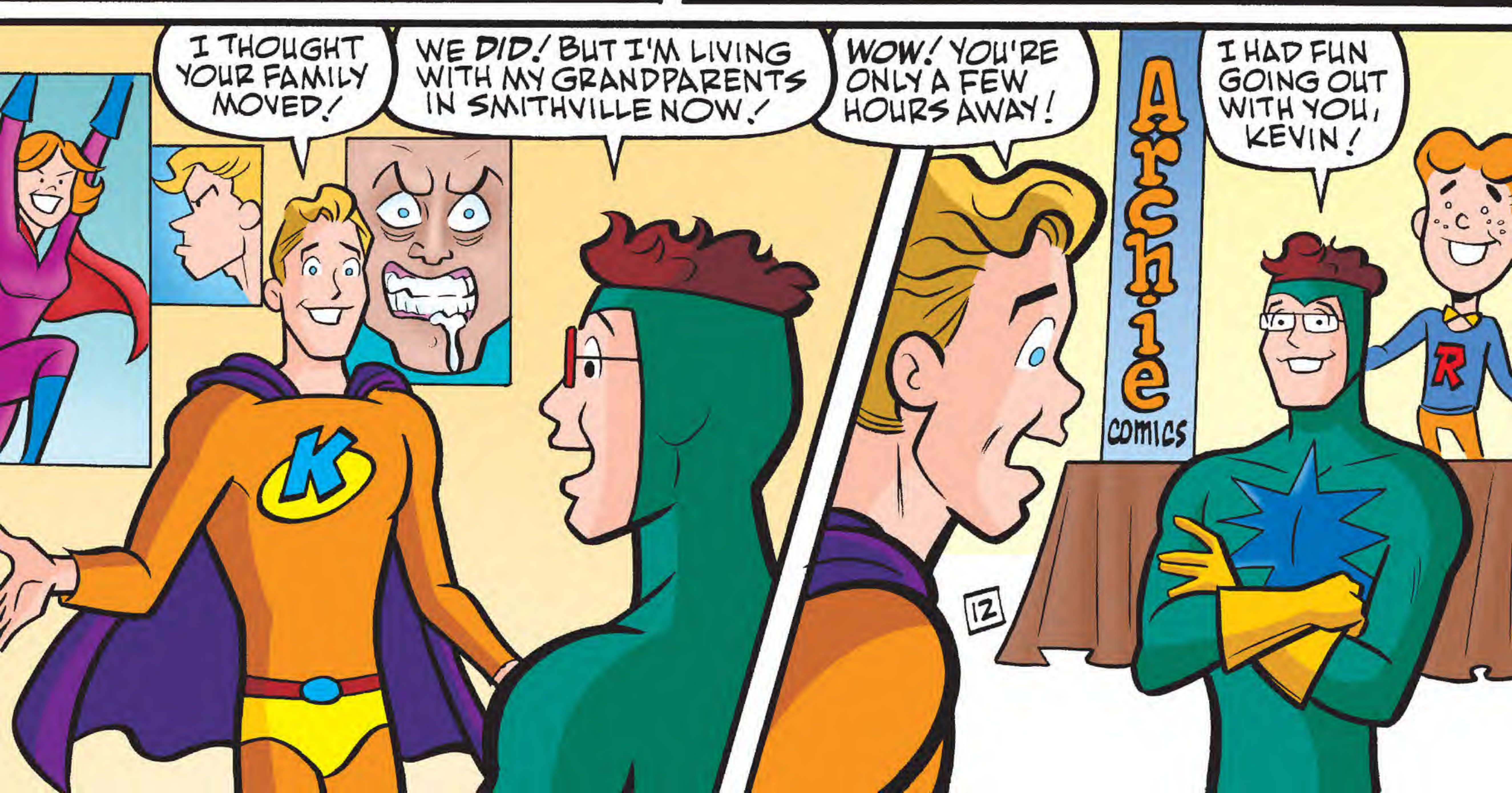
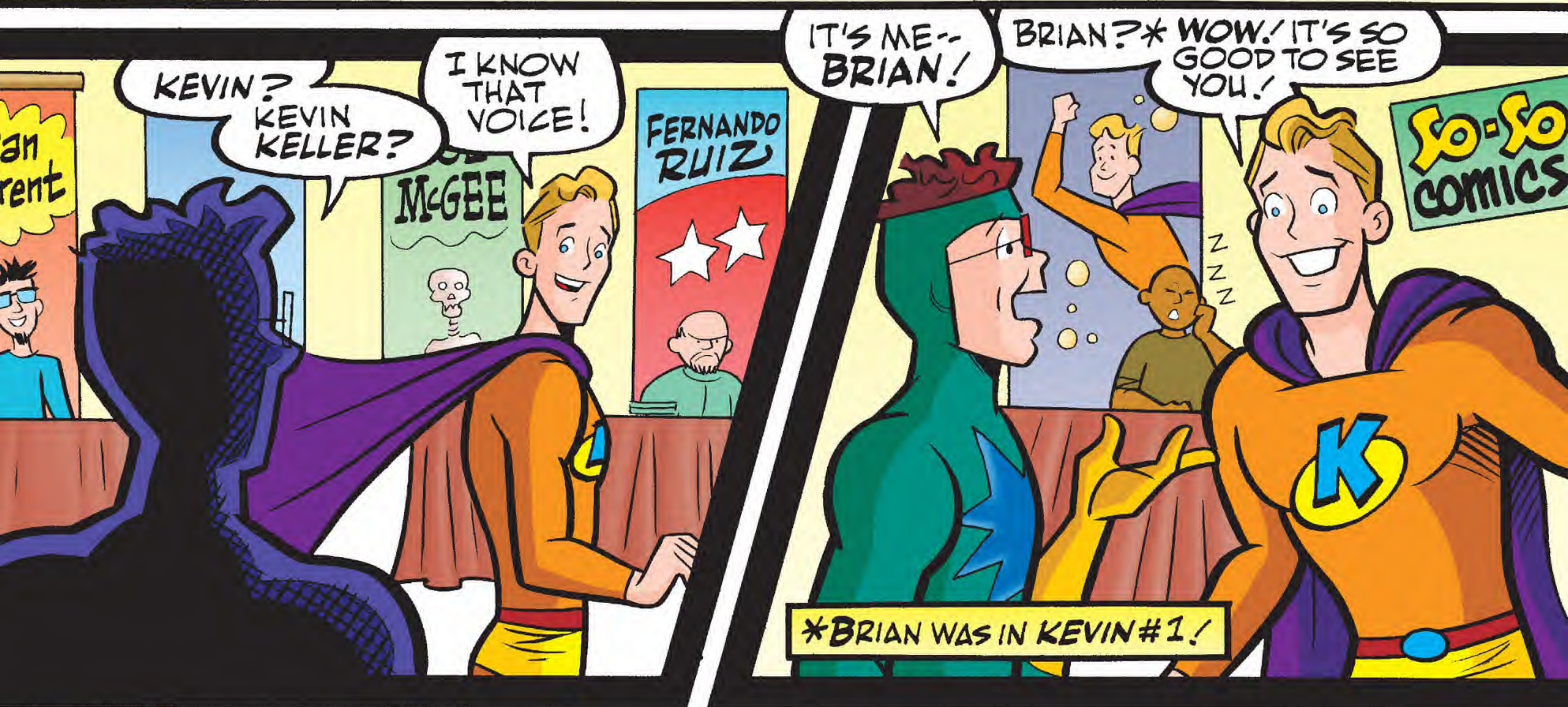
A GIANT TRIBBLE!



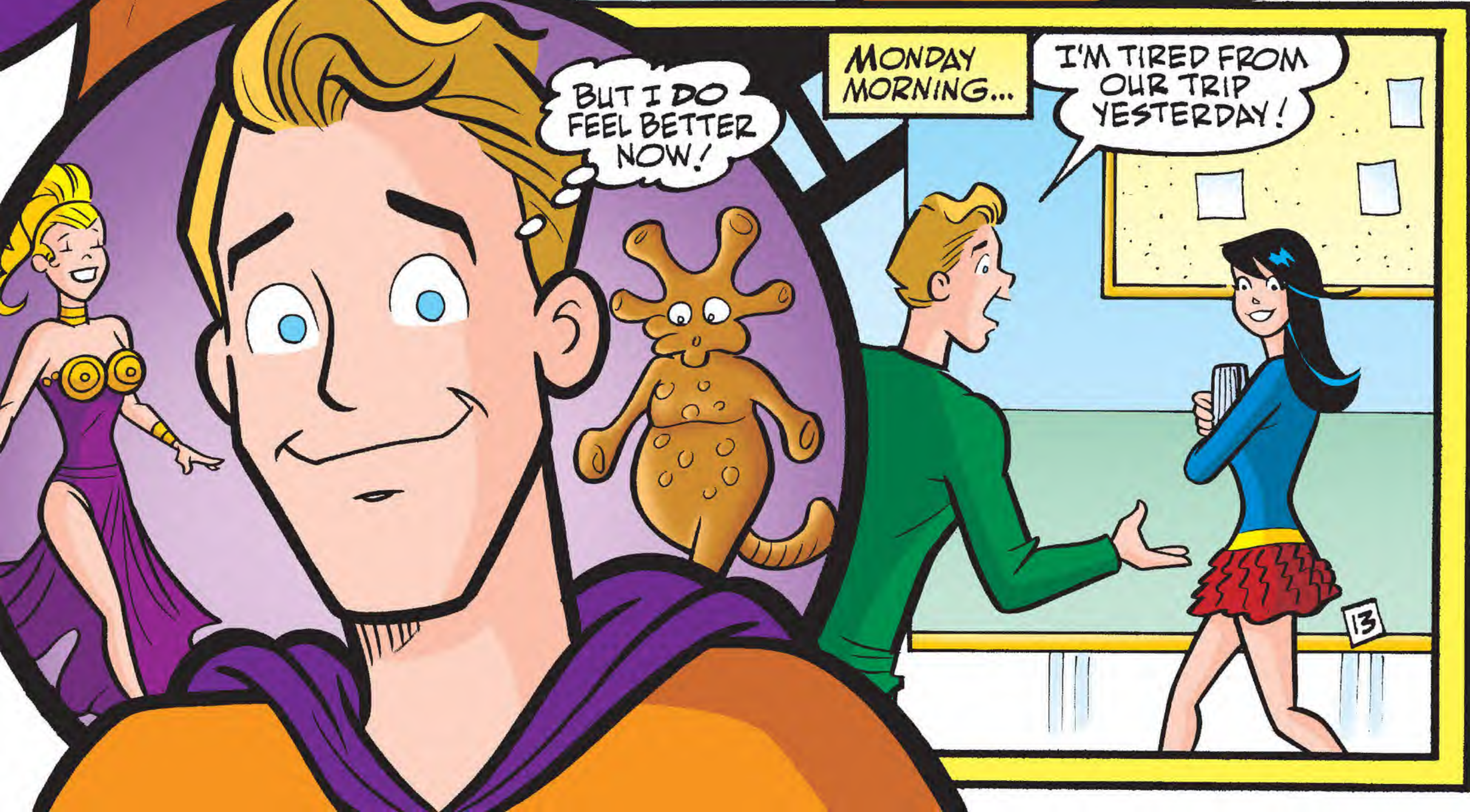
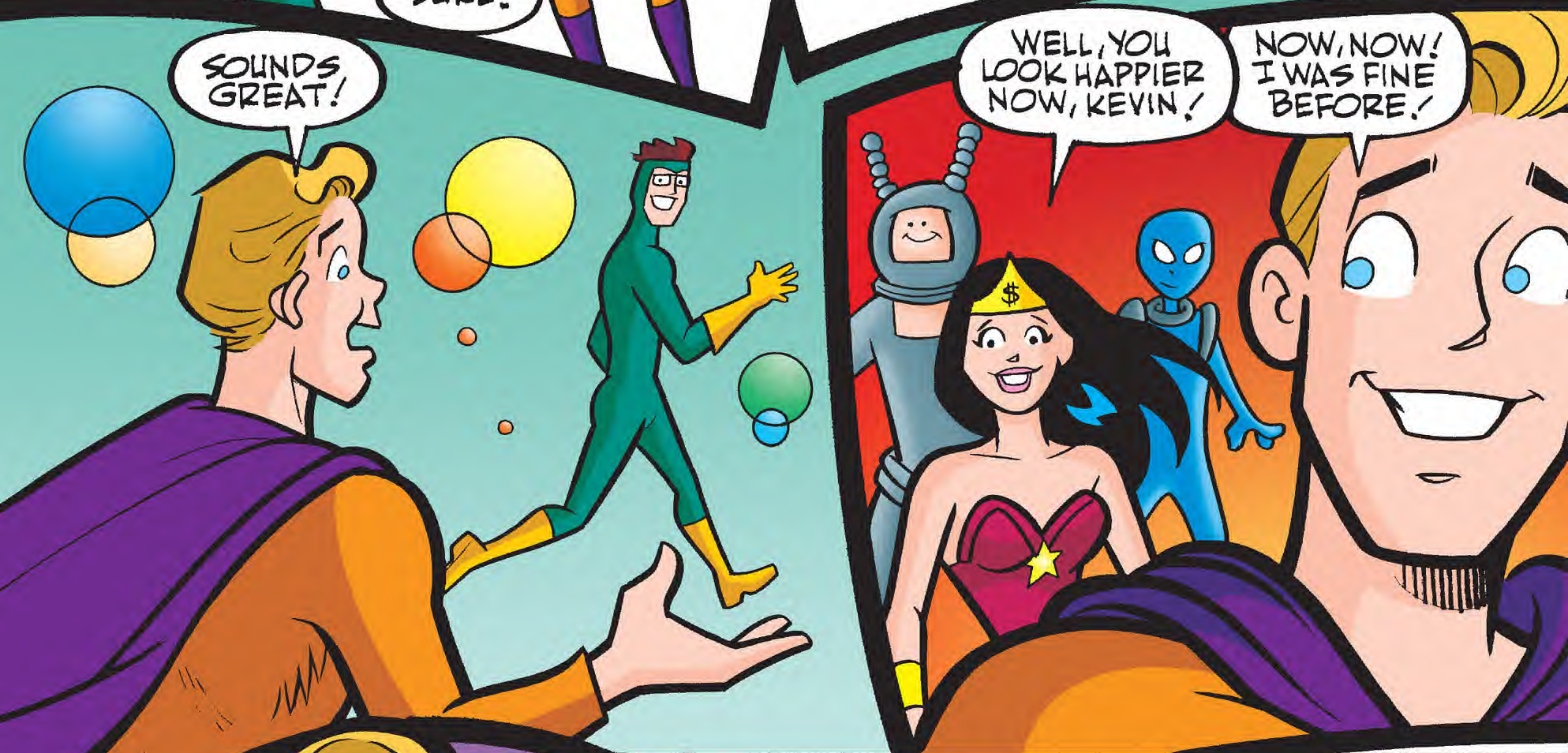
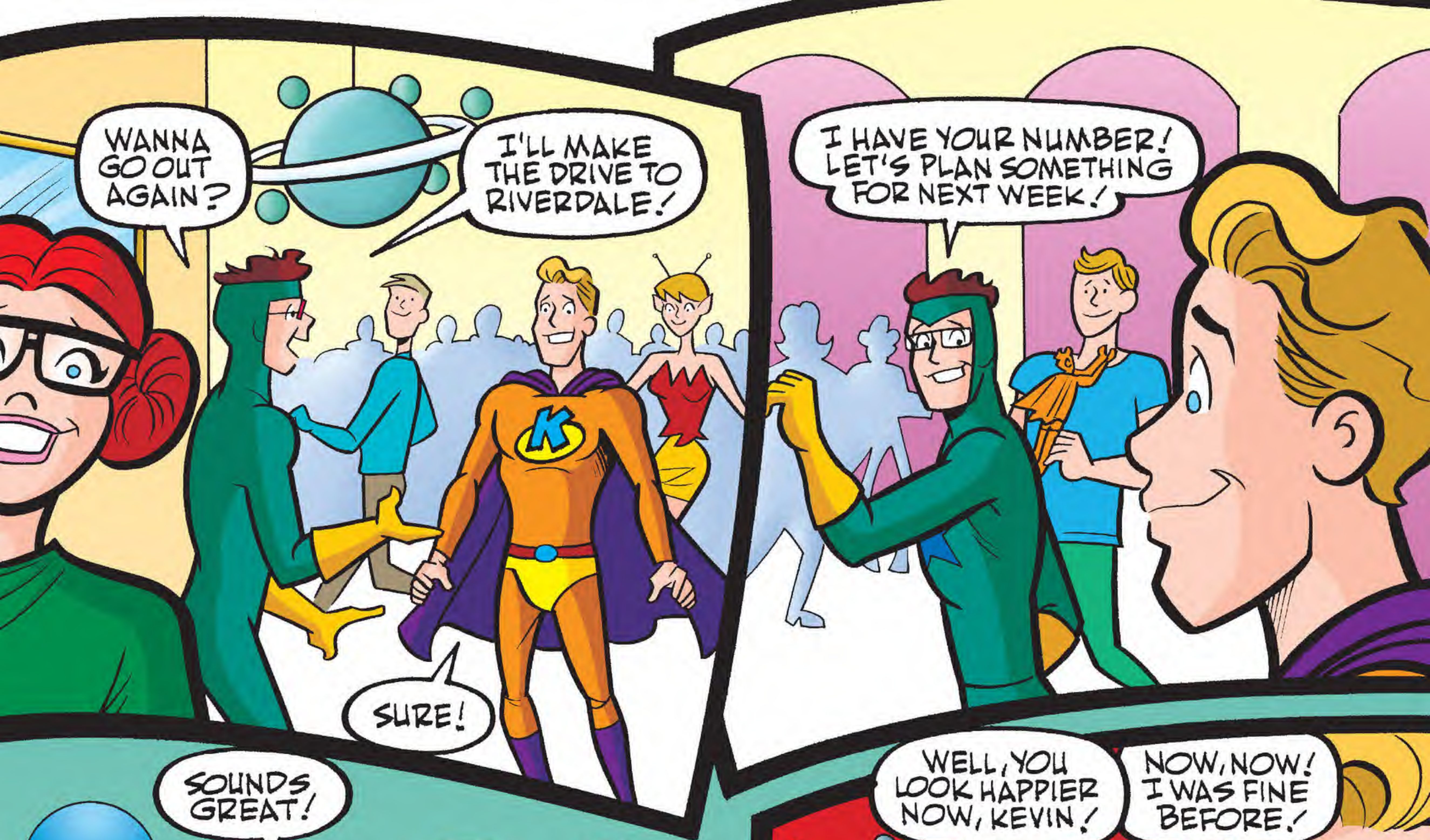
LET'S GET A SHOT OF THAT!

:(Sigh):

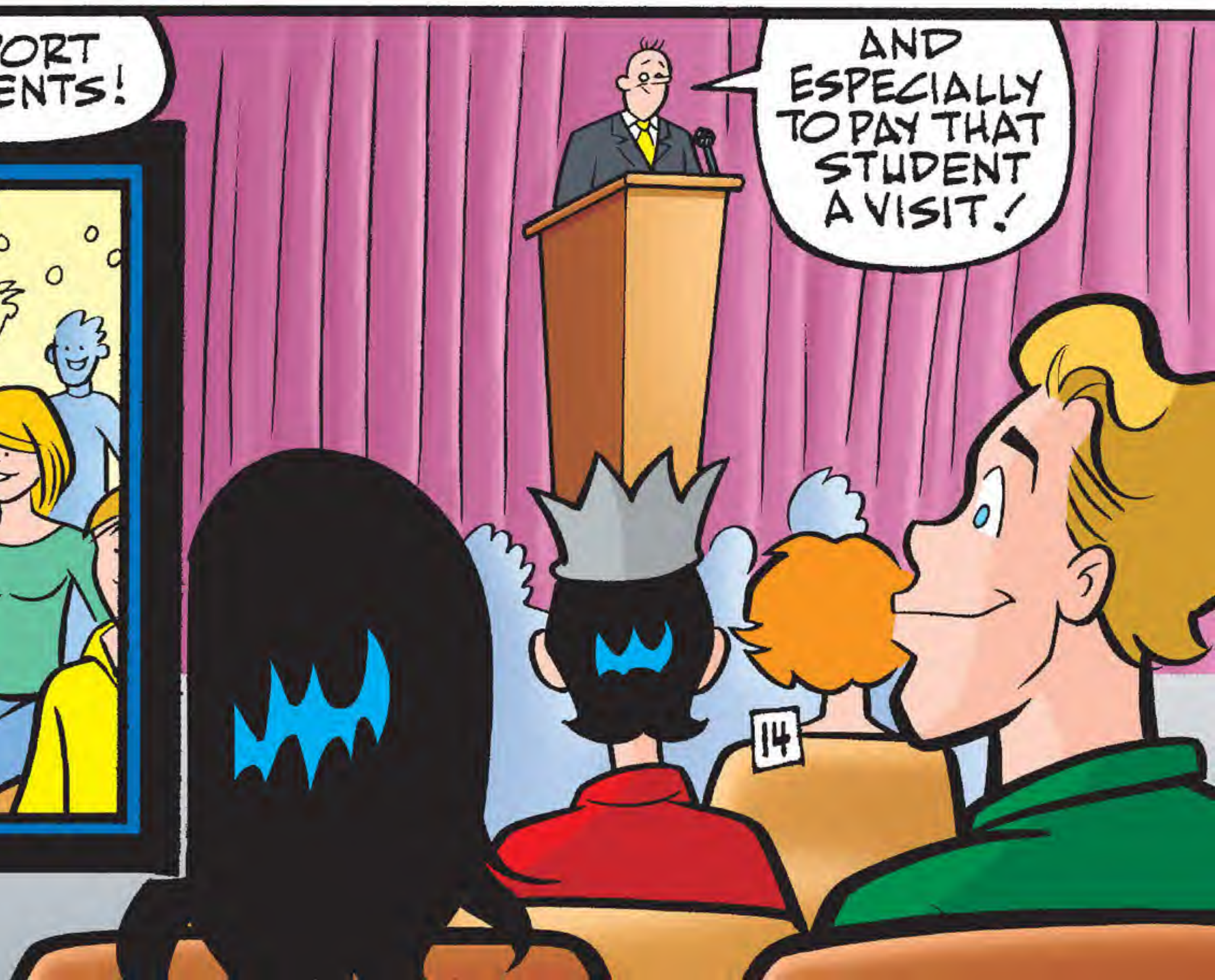
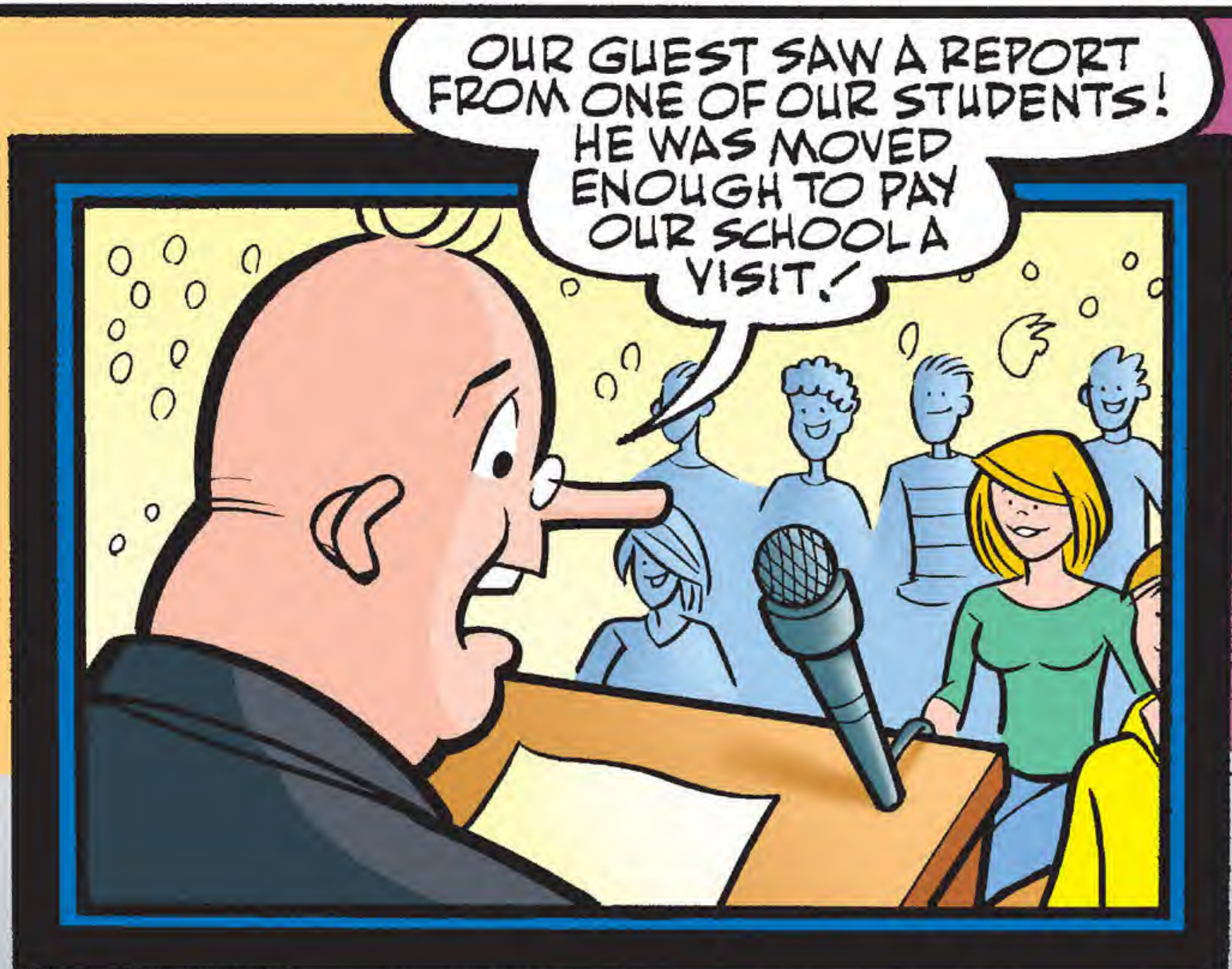
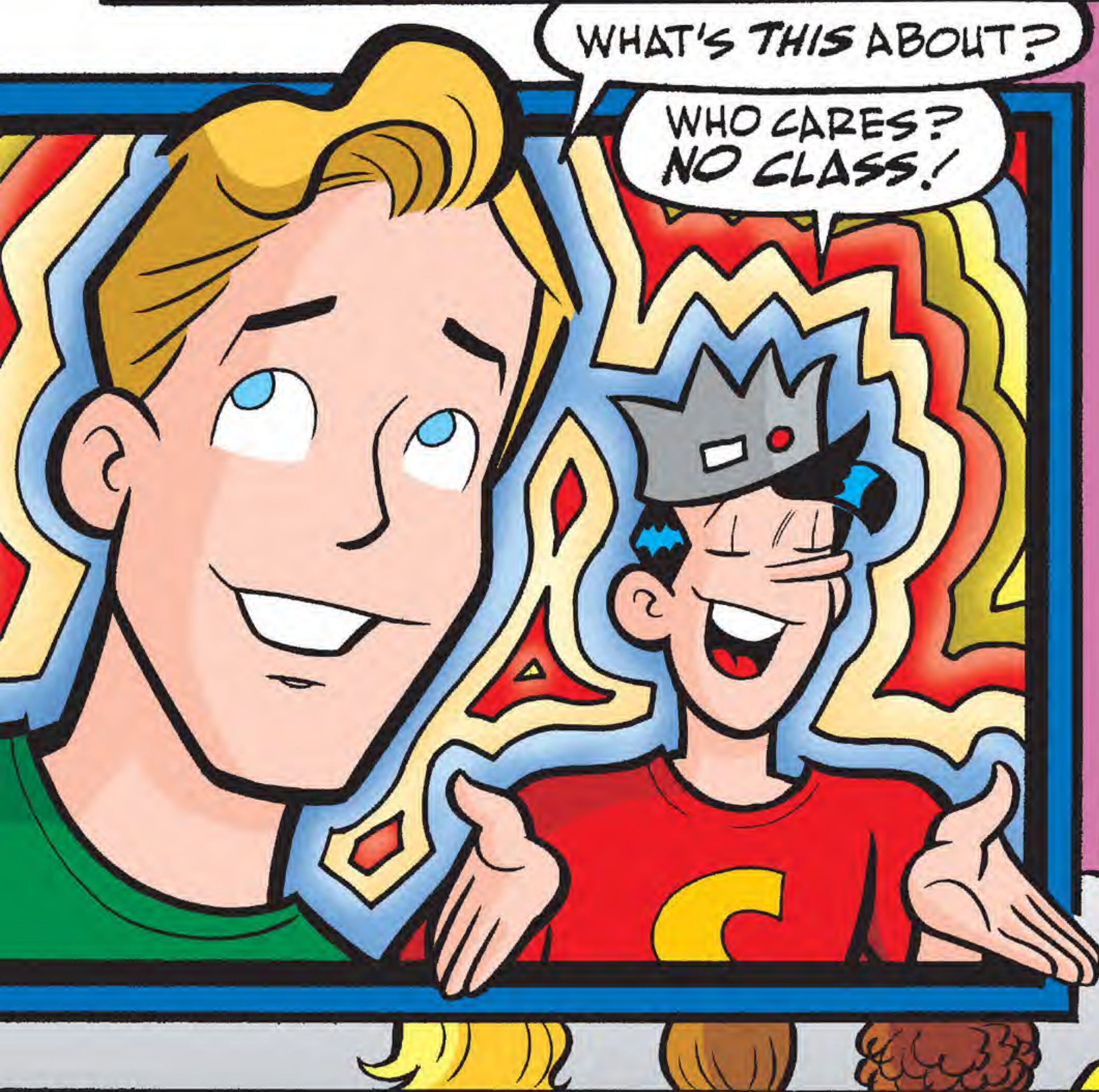
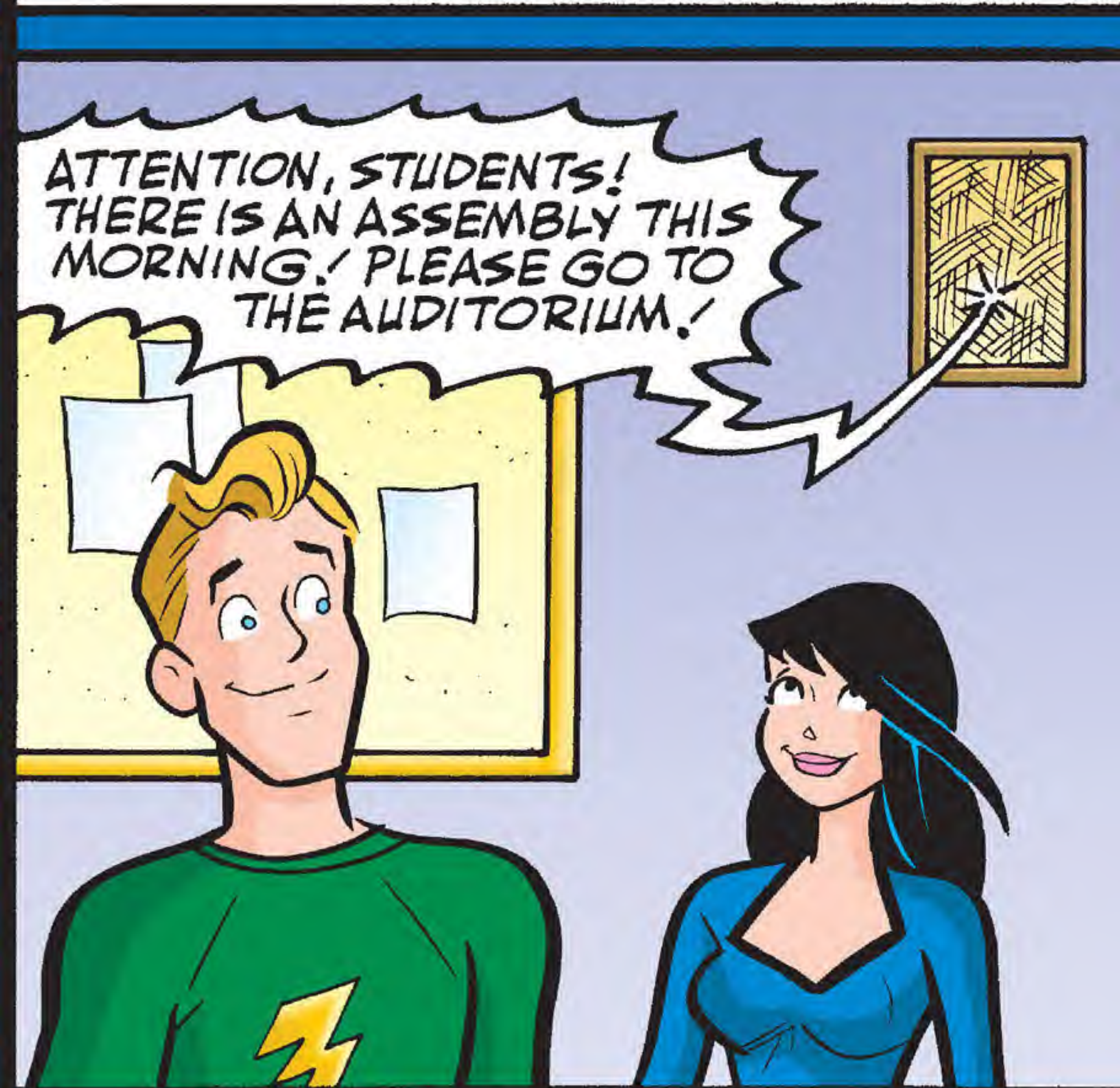
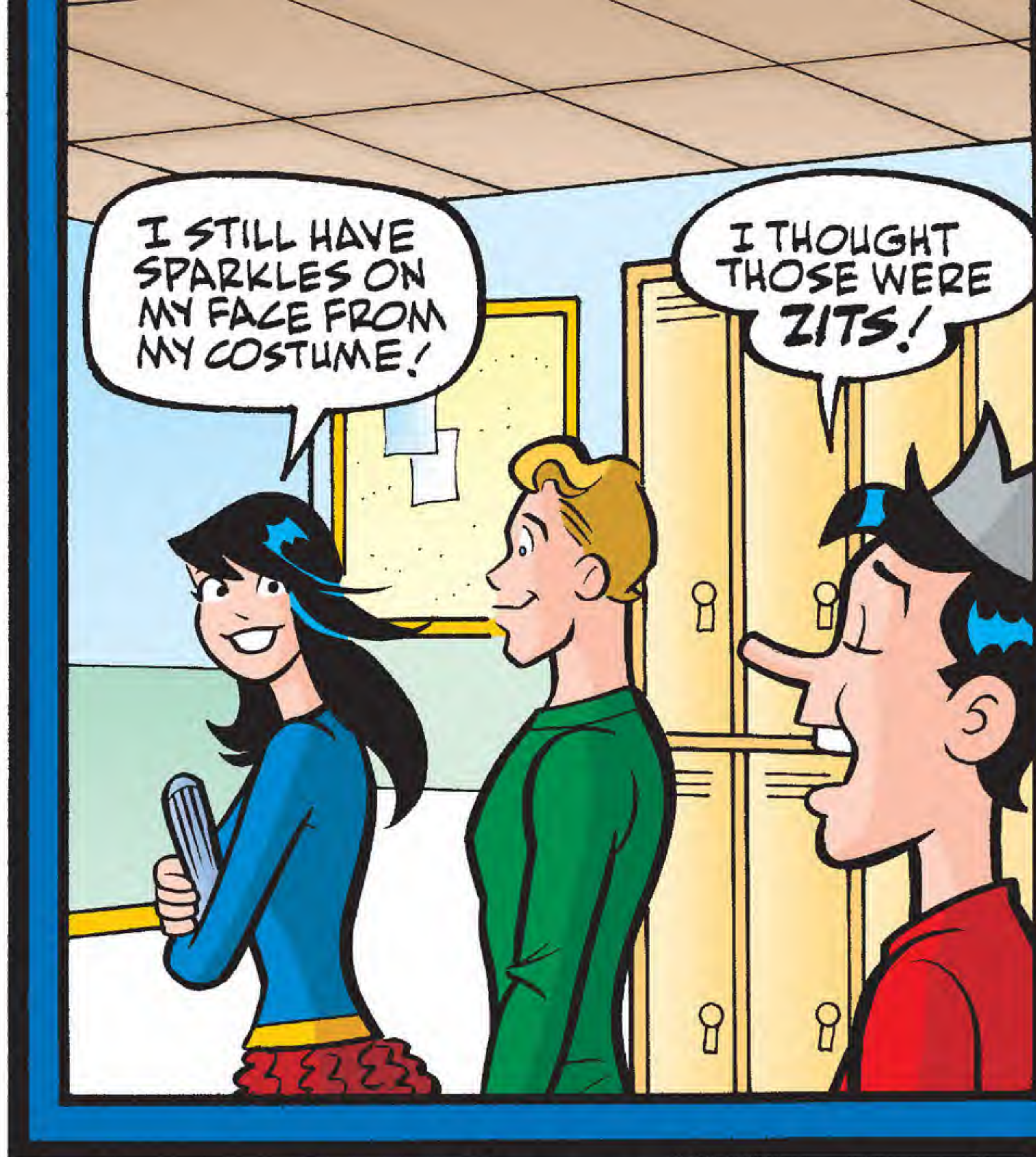




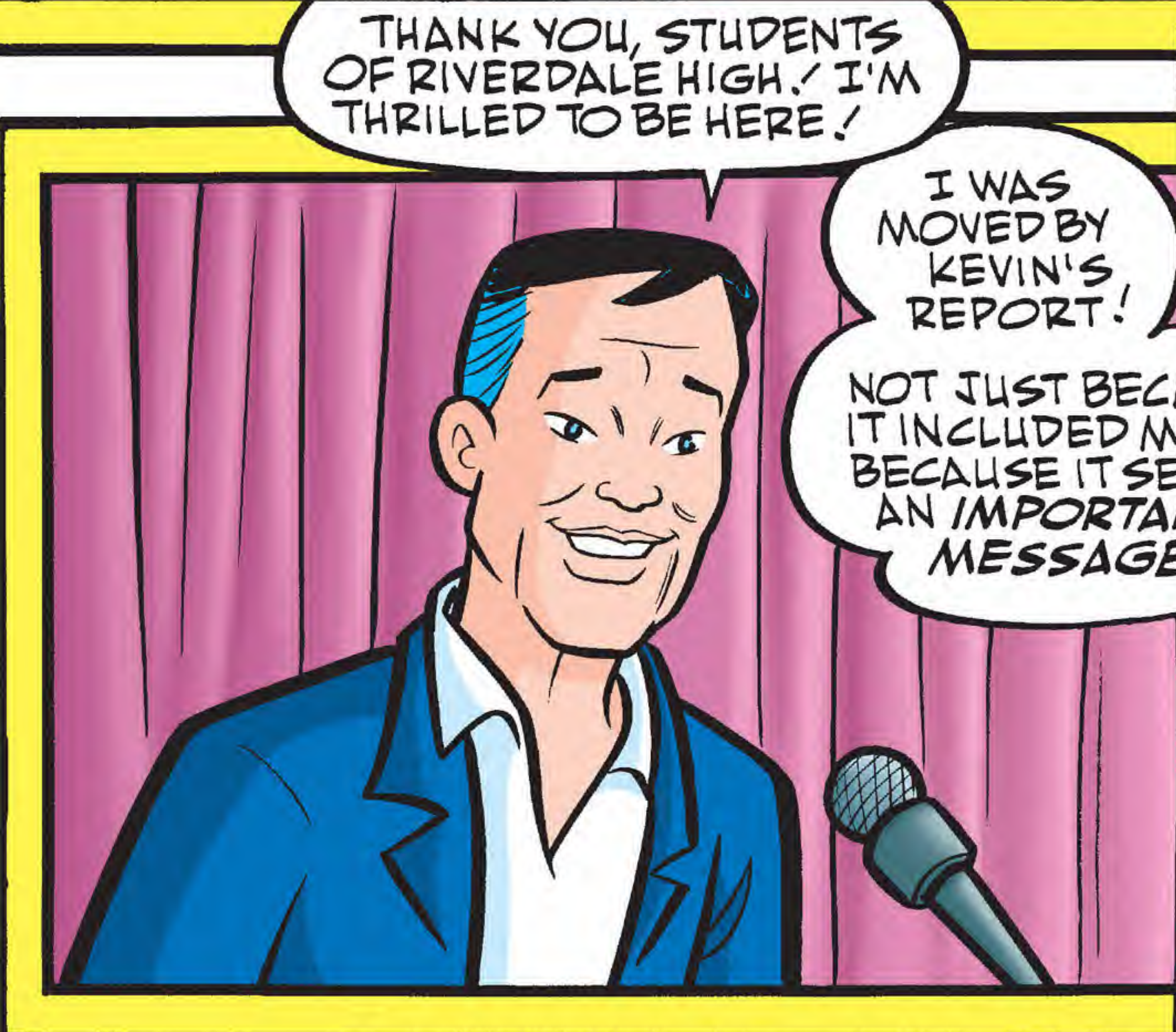




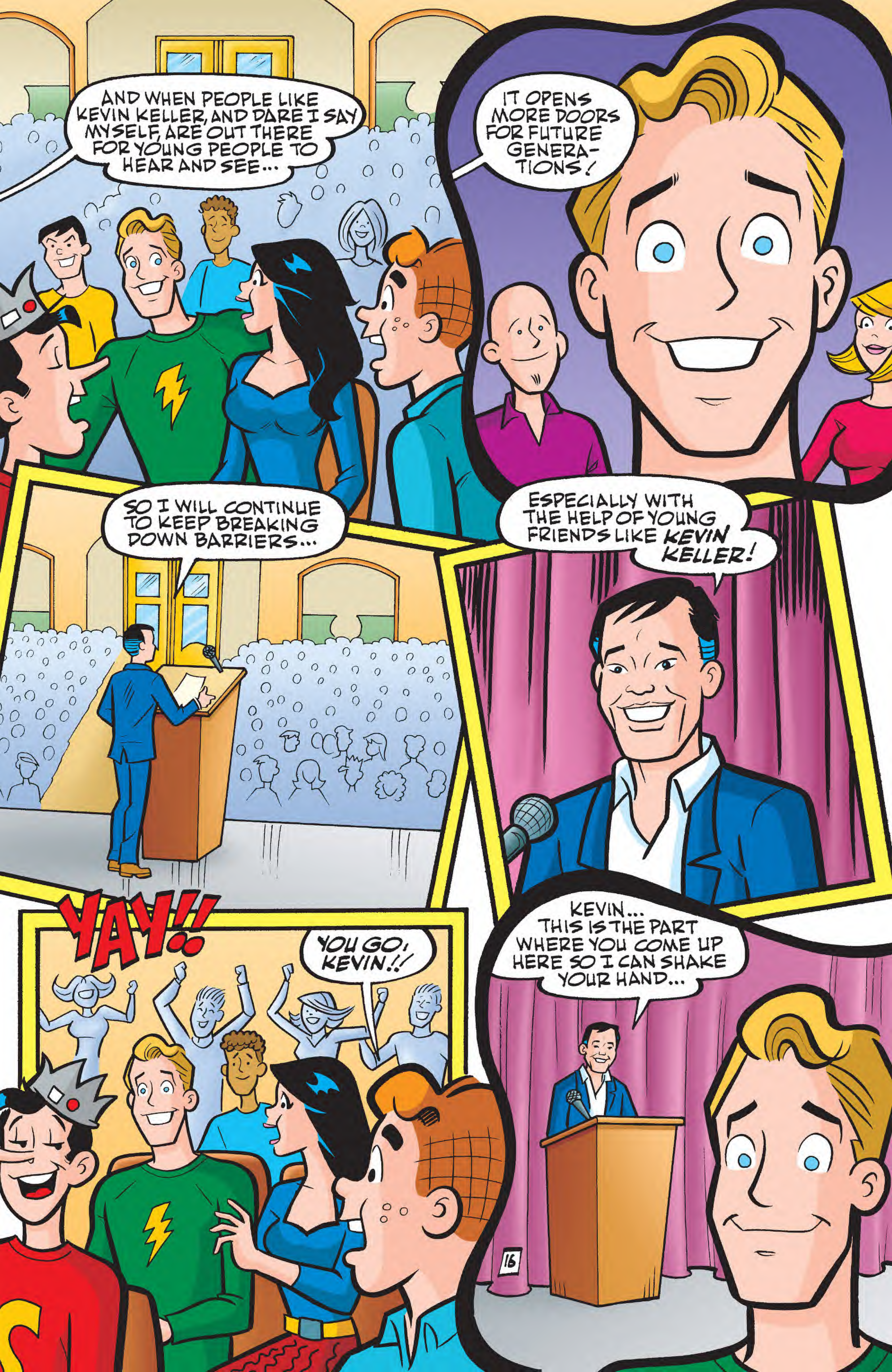












AND WHEN PEOPLE LIKE KEVIN KELLER, AND DARE I SAY MYSELF, ARE OUT THERE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HEAR AND SEE...

IT OPENS MORE DOORS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!

SO I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS...

ESPECIALLY WITH THE HELP OF YOUNG FRIENDS LIKE KEVIN KELLER!

YAY!!

YOU GO, KEVIN!!

KEVIN... THIS IS THE PART WHERE YOU COME UP HERE SO I CAN SHAKE YOUR HAND...





OH, OF COURSE!

I--I'M SHAKING!

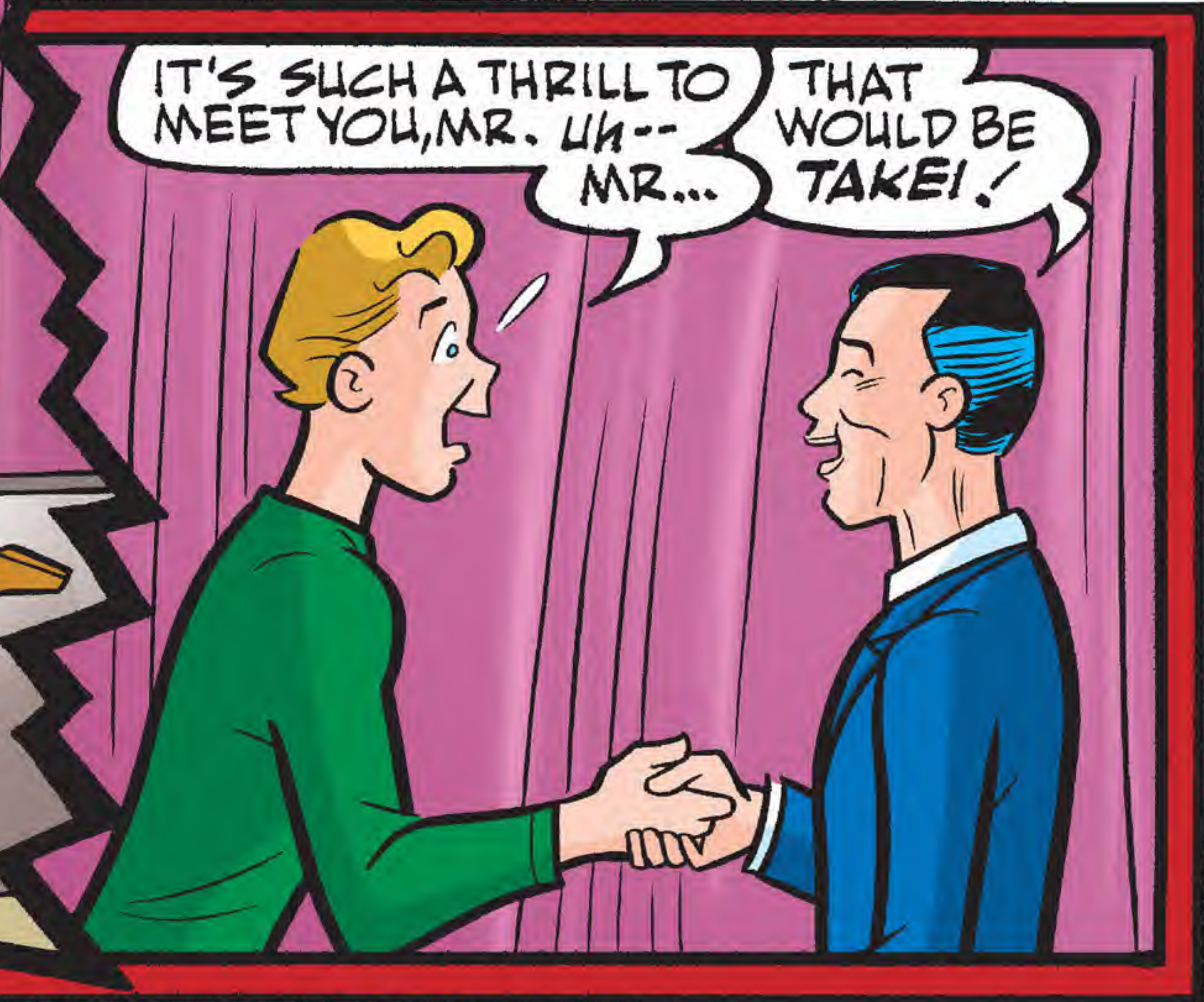


THIS IS SUCH AN--



KA-FLOP

--HONOR!



IT'S SUCH A THRILL TO MEET YOU, MR. UH-- MR...

THAT WOULD BE TAKE!



BUT YOU CAN CALL ME GEORGE!

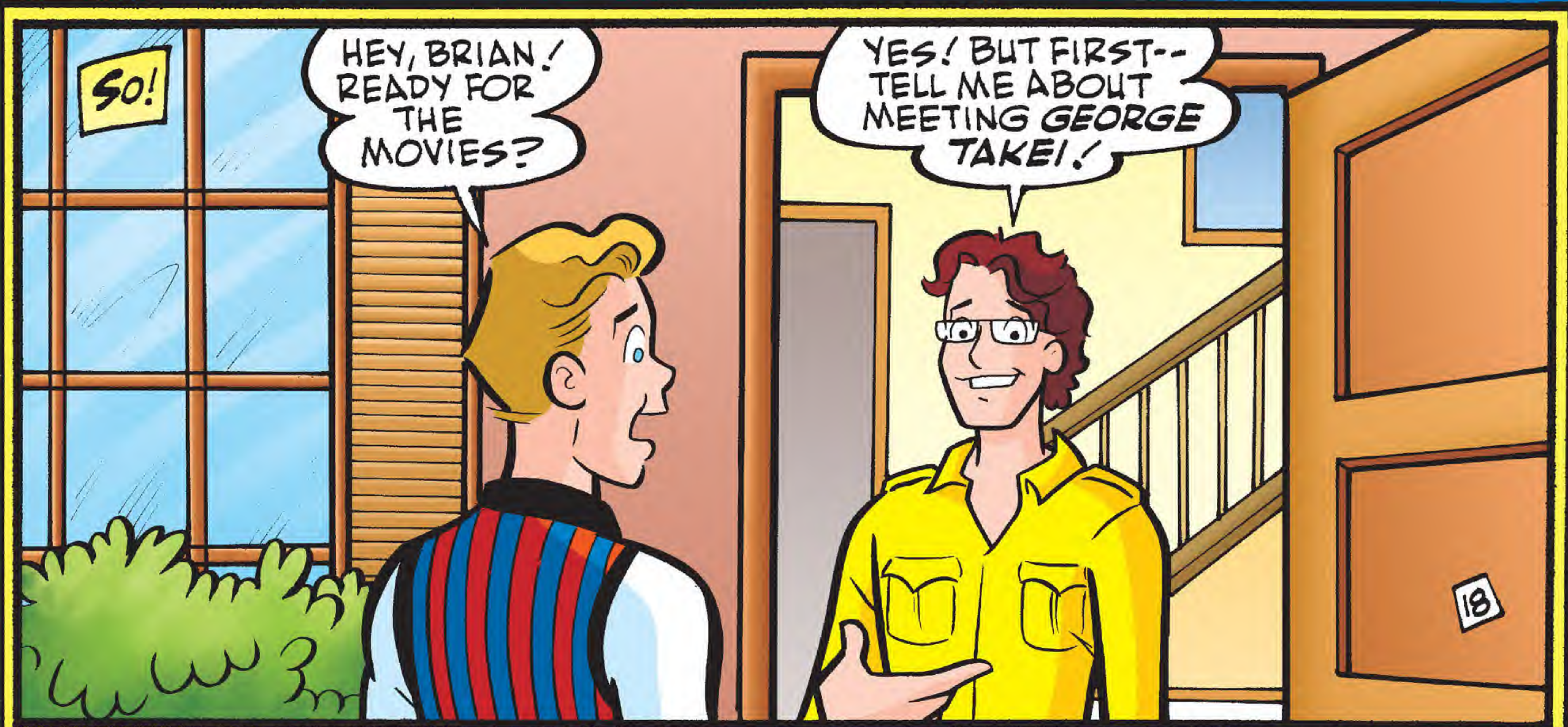
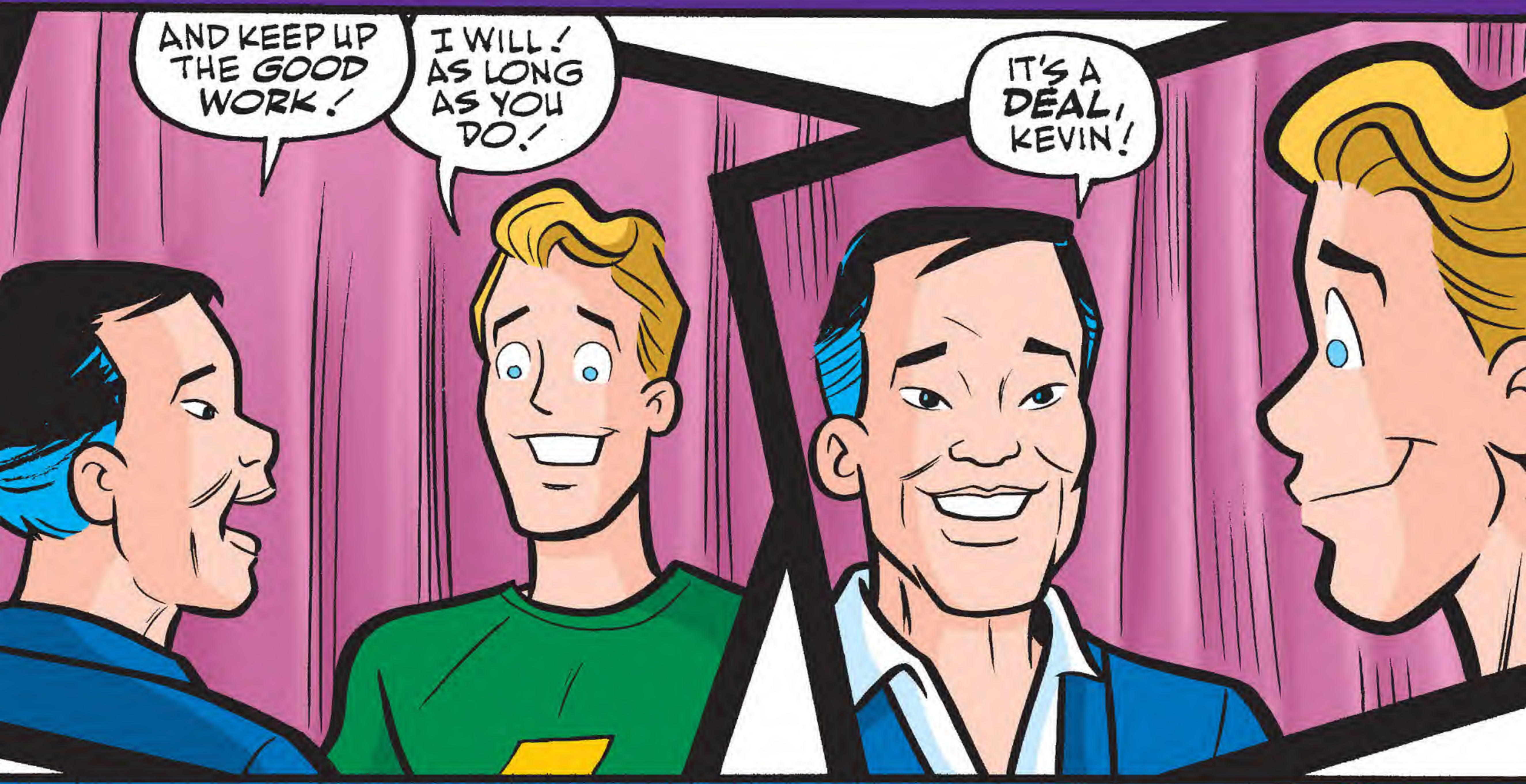
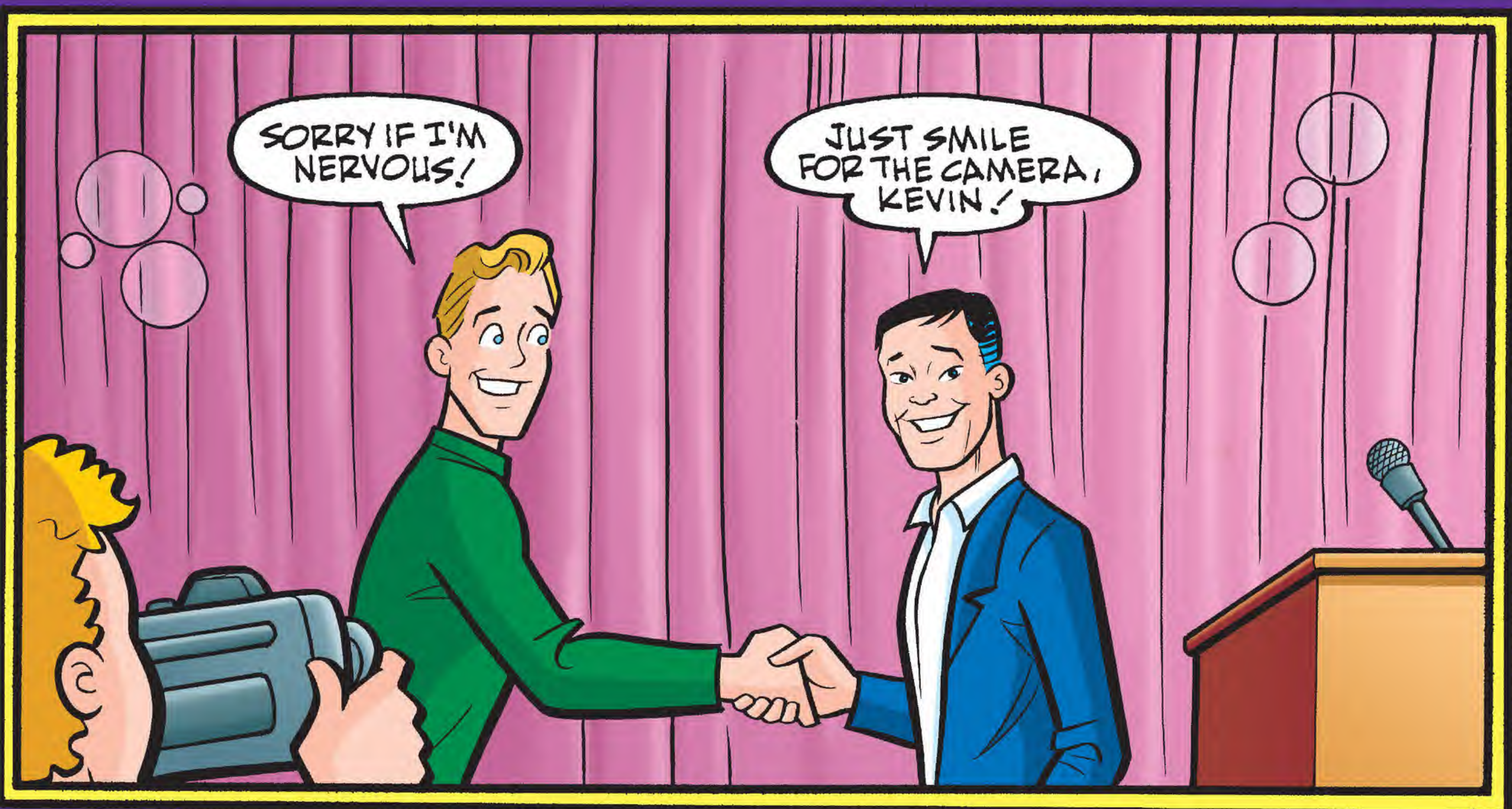
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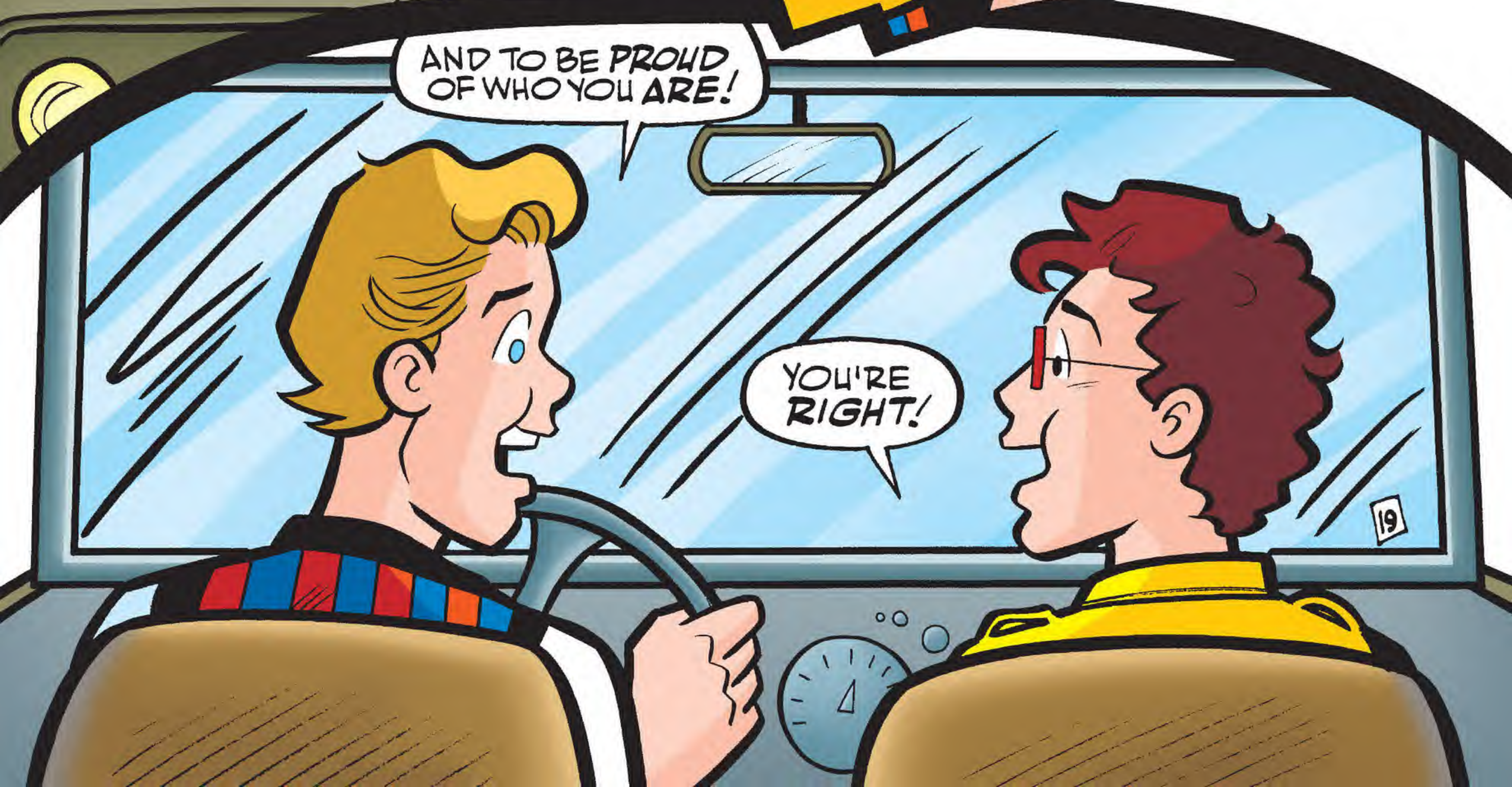
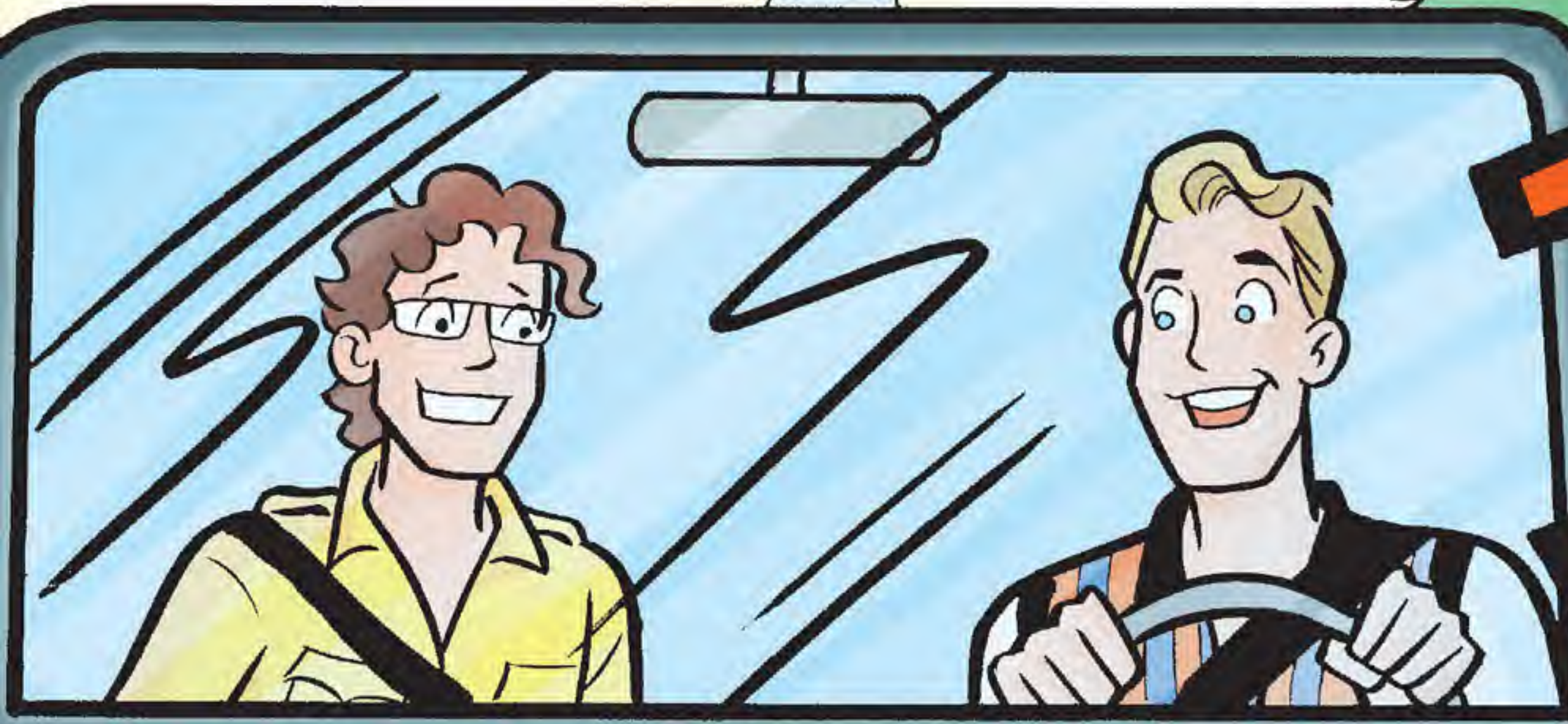
I'M-- I'M--

KEVIN!  
AT LEAST THAT'S WHO THEY SAY YOU ARE!

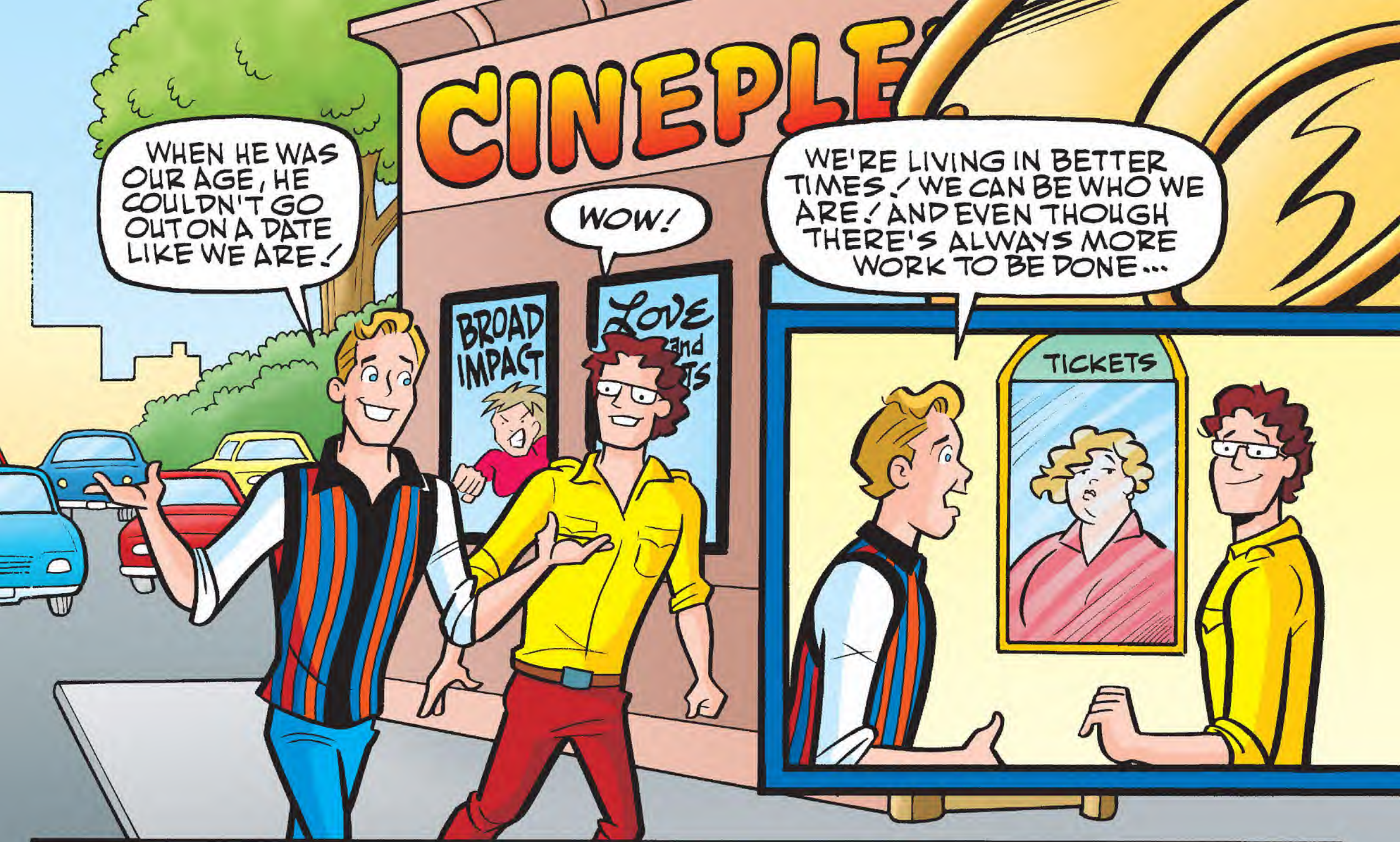




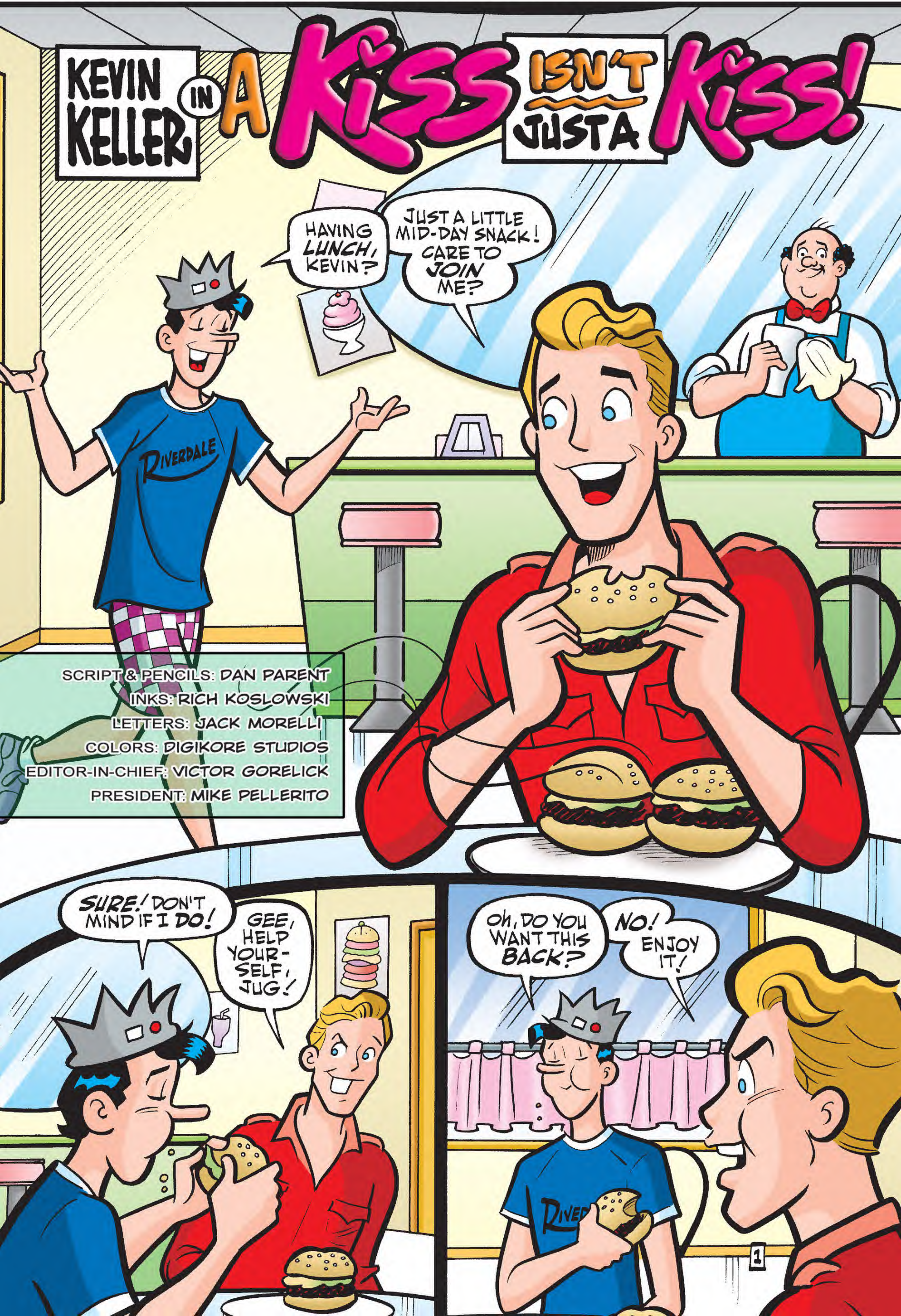












KEVIN  
KELLER

IN

A KISS ISN'T  
JUST A KISS!

HAVING  
LUNCH,  
KEVIN?

JUST A LITTLE  
MID-DAY SNACK!  
CARE TO  
JOIN  
ME?

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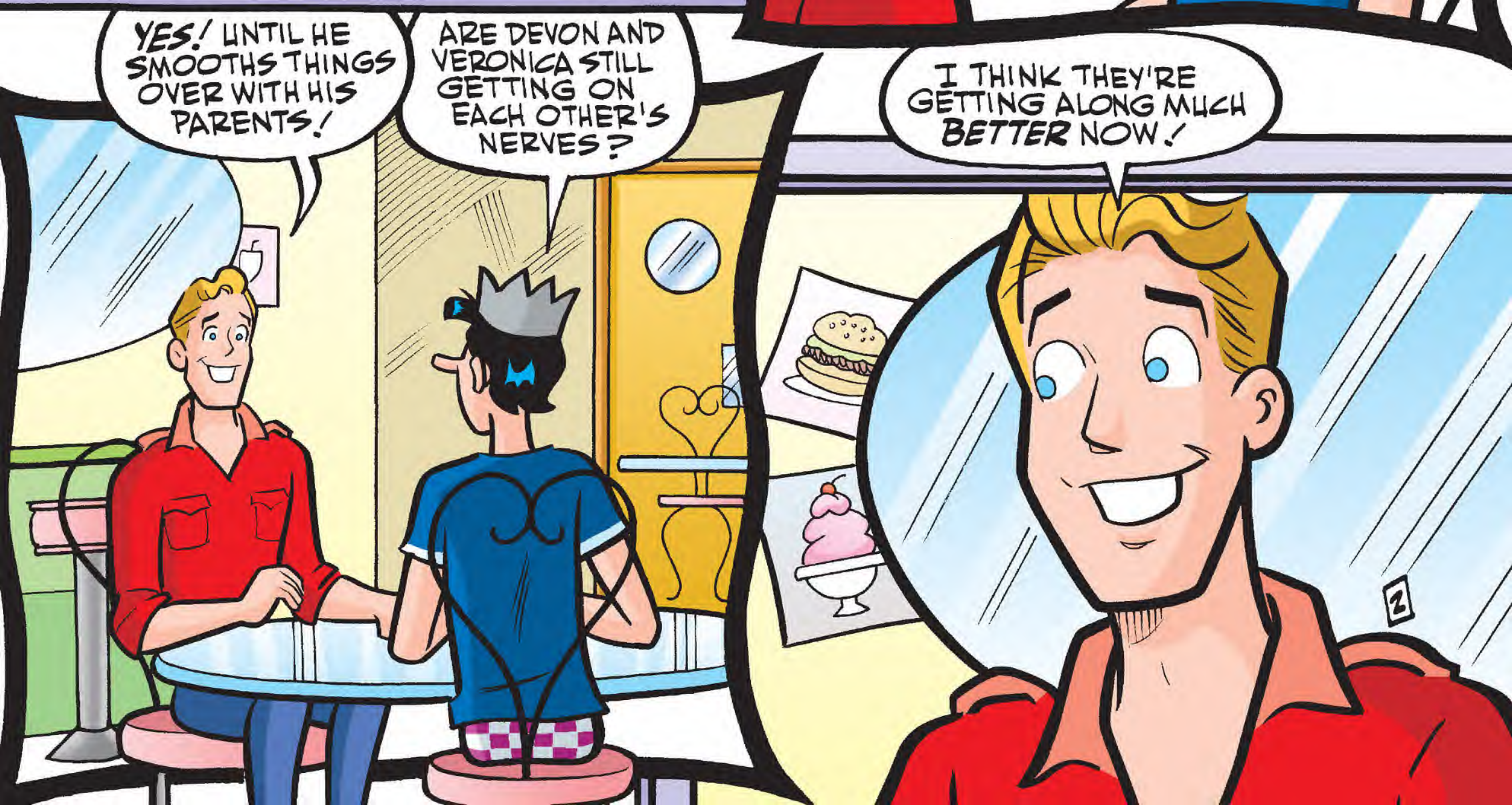
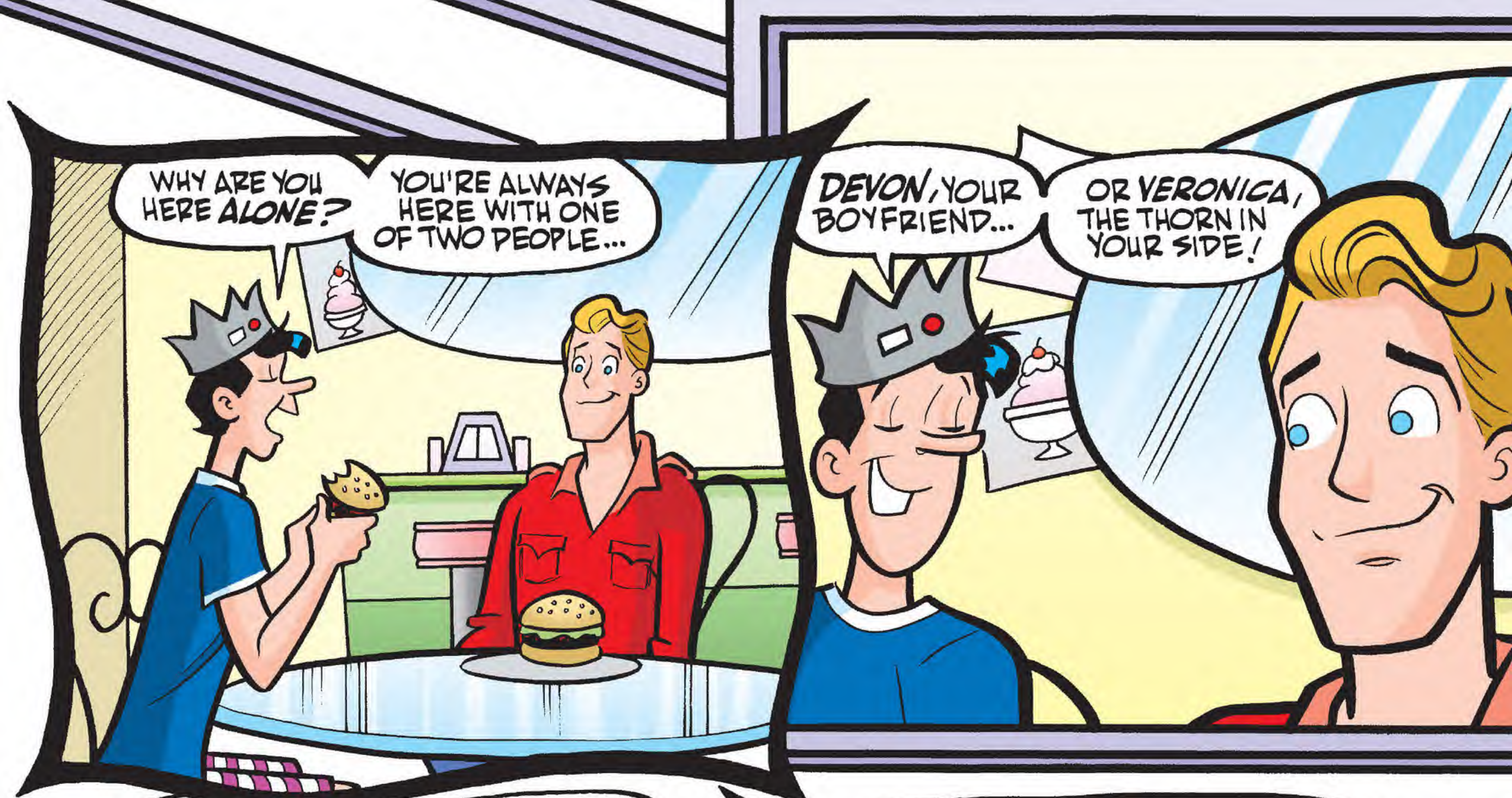
SURE! DON'T  
MIND IF I DO!

GEE,  
HELP  
YOUR-  
SELF,  
JUG!

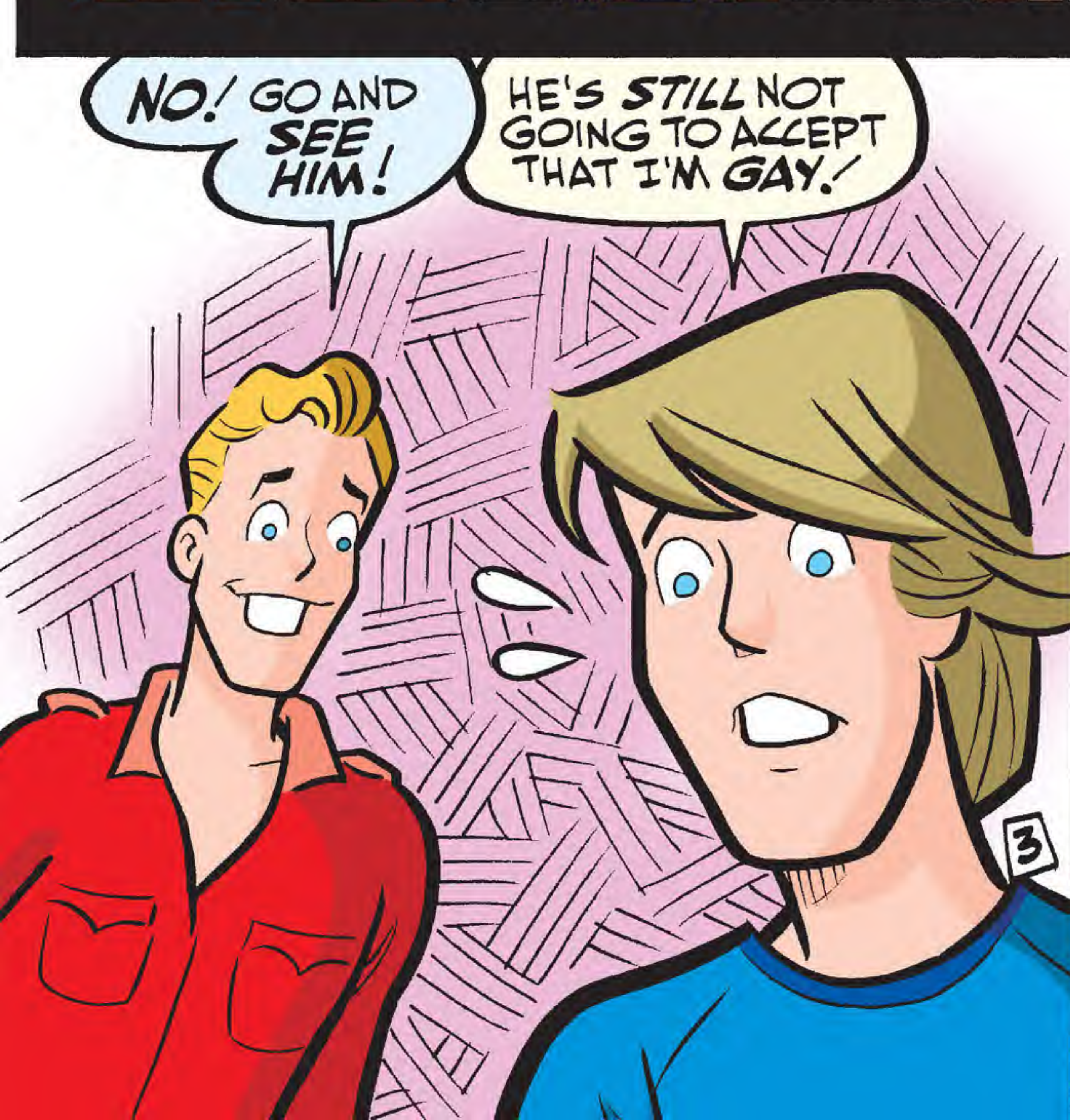
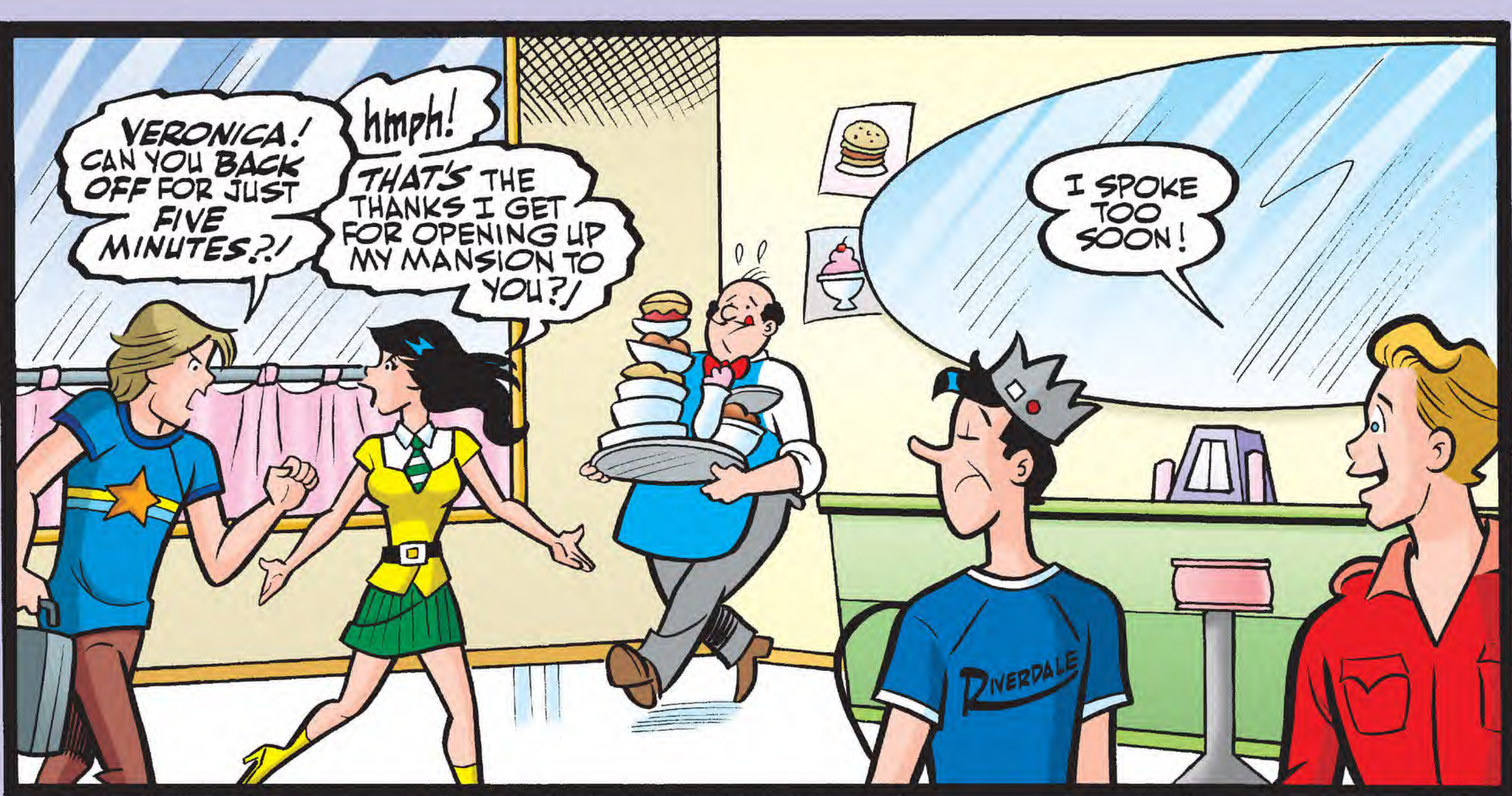
Oh, DO YOU  
WANT THIS  
BACK?

NO!  
ENJOY  
IT!

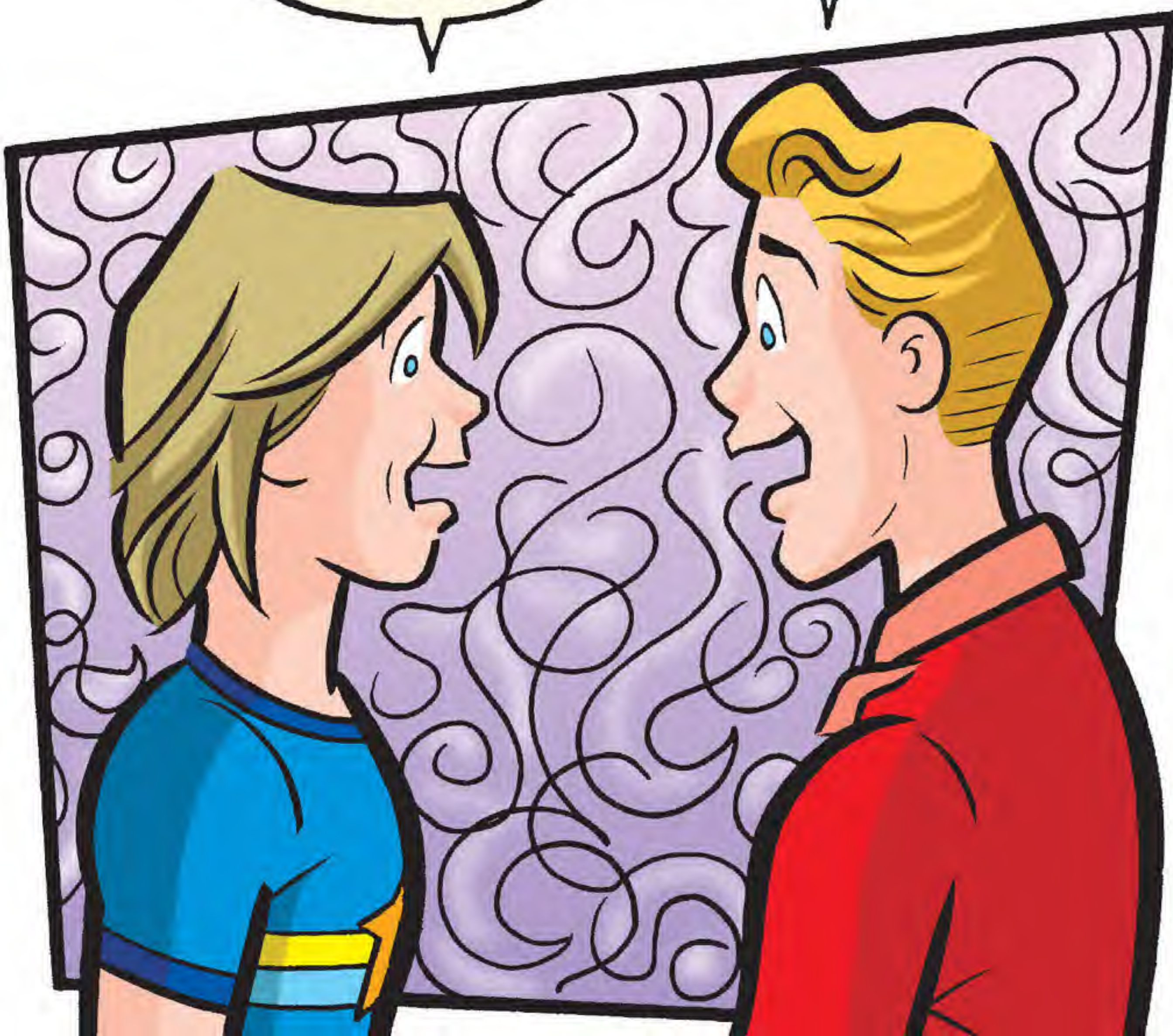
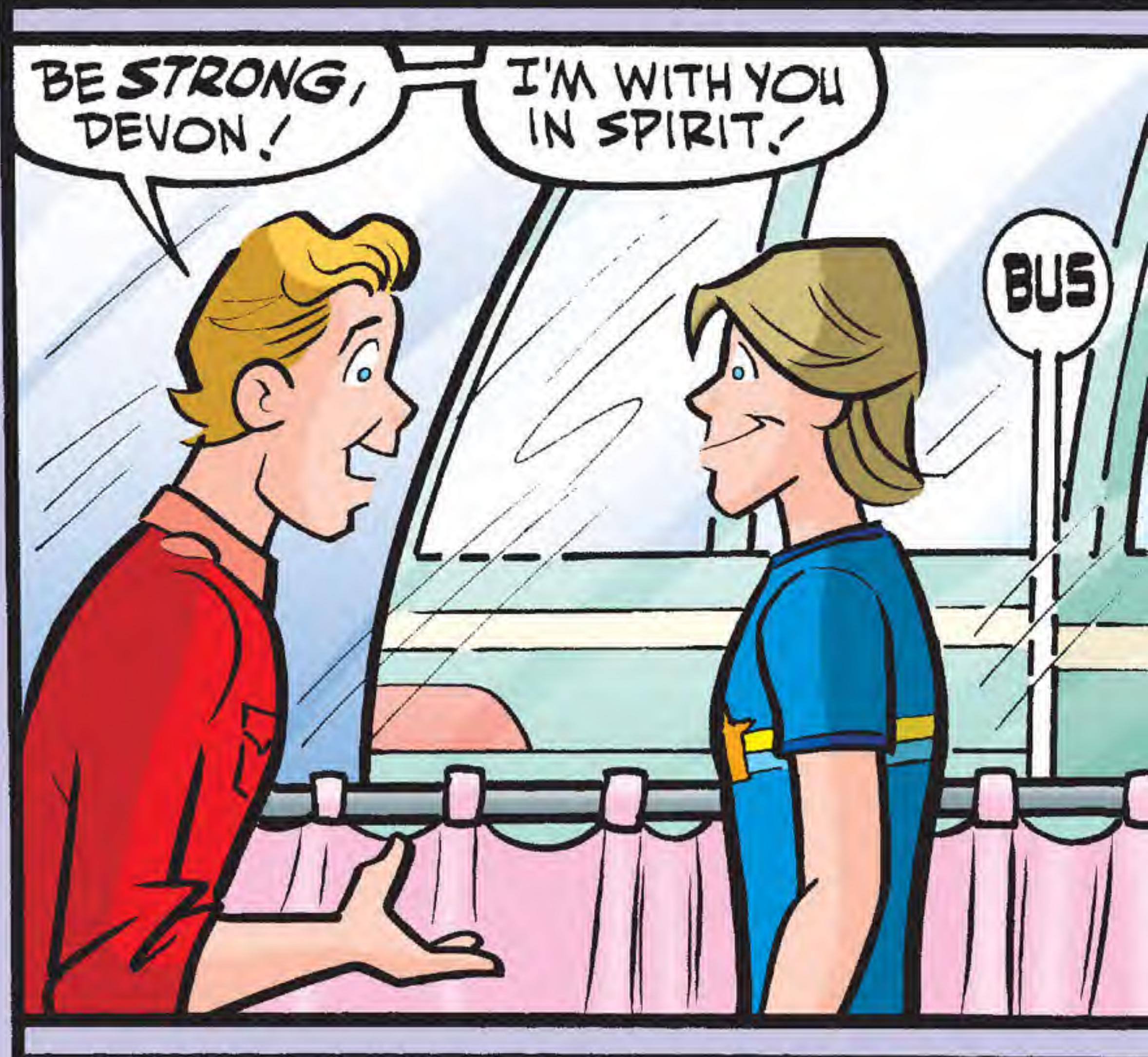
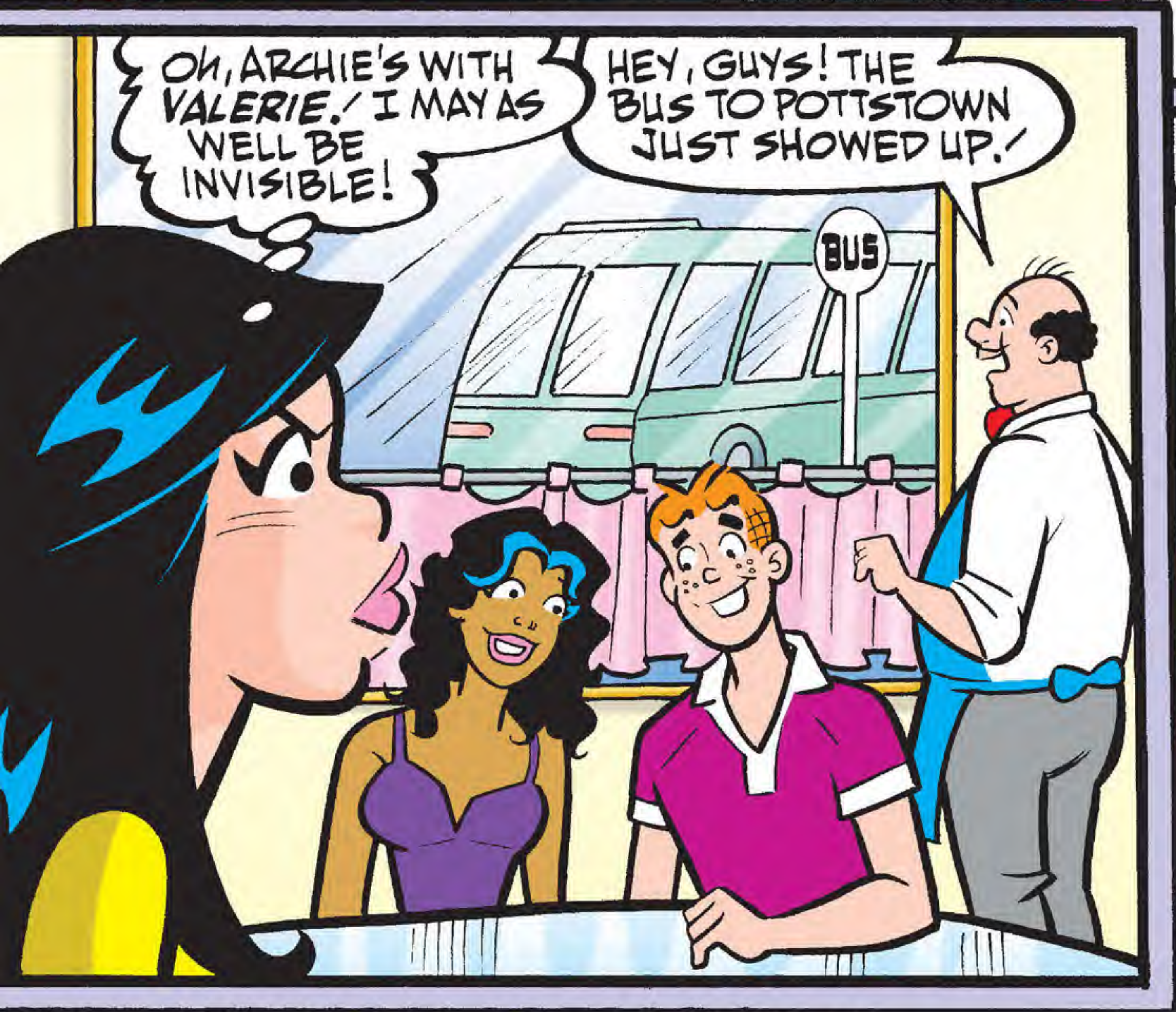




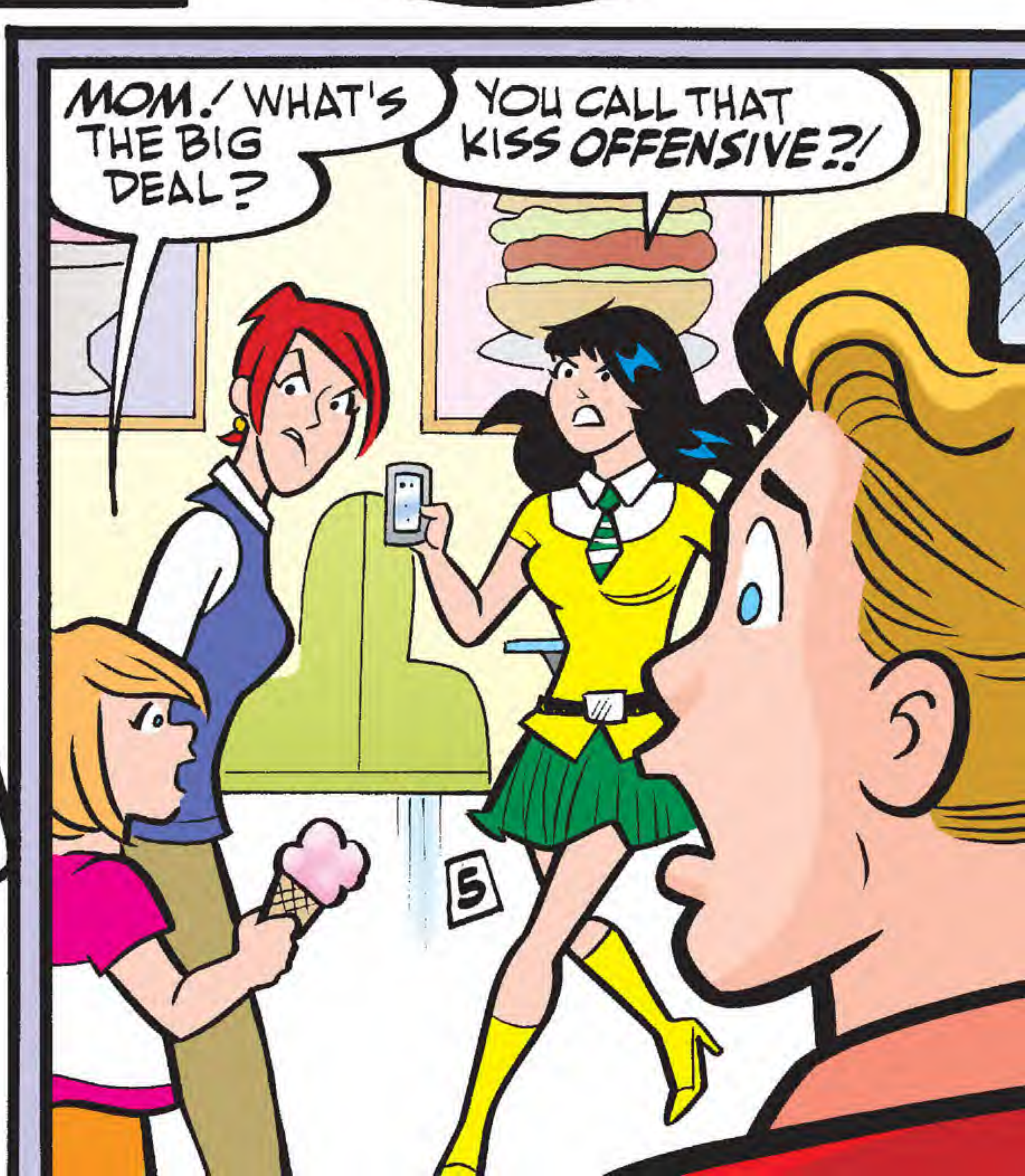
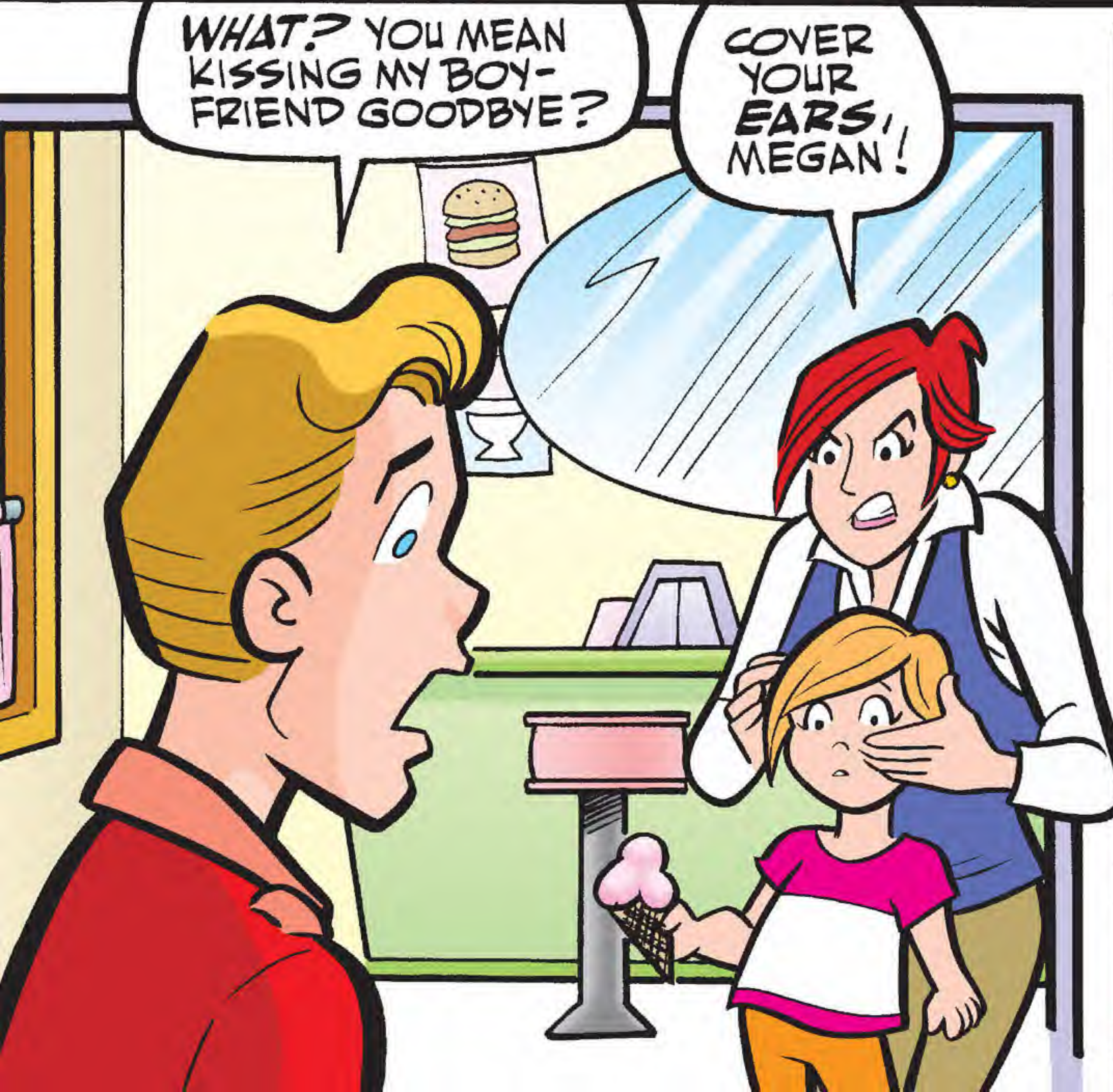
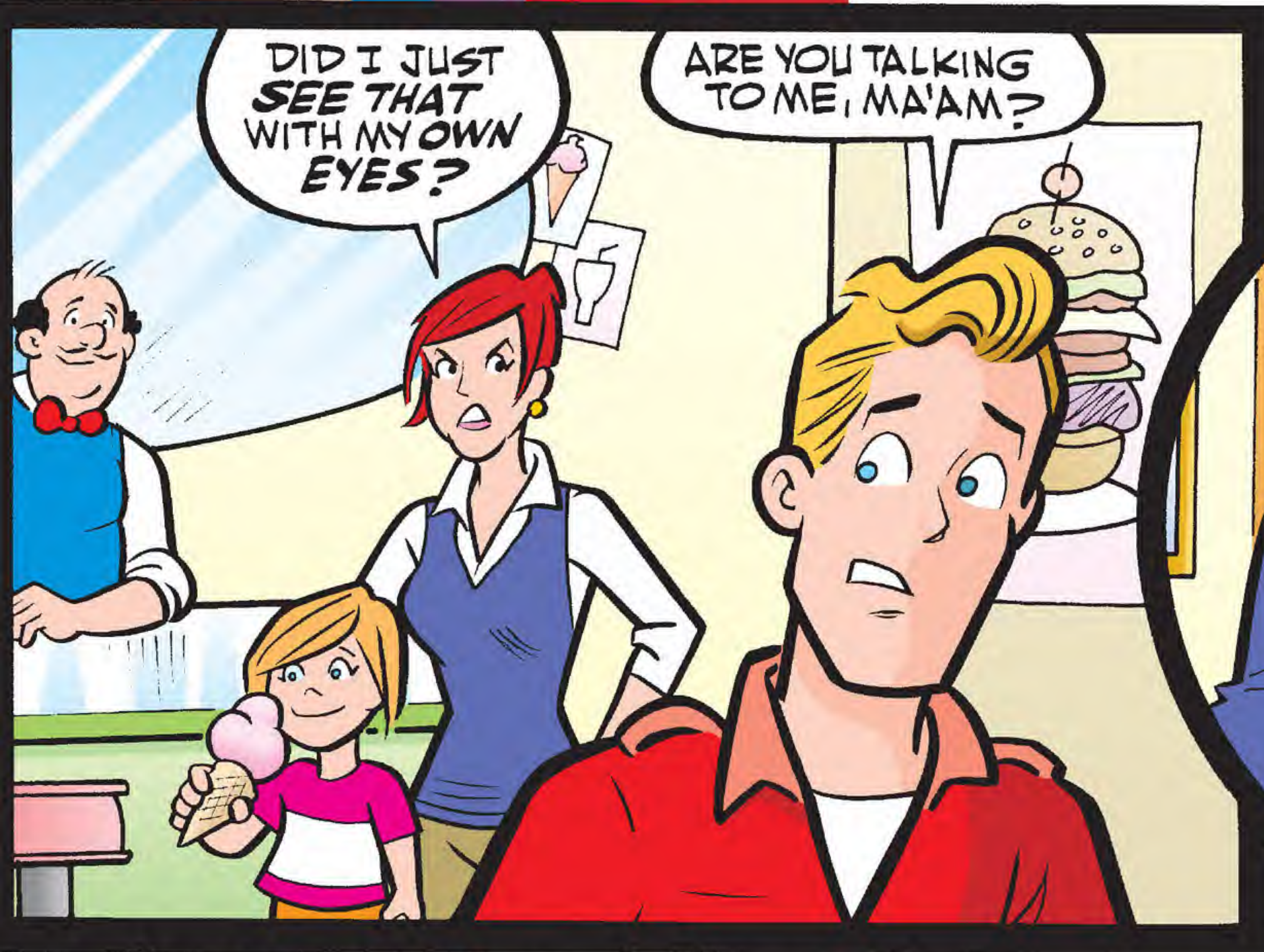
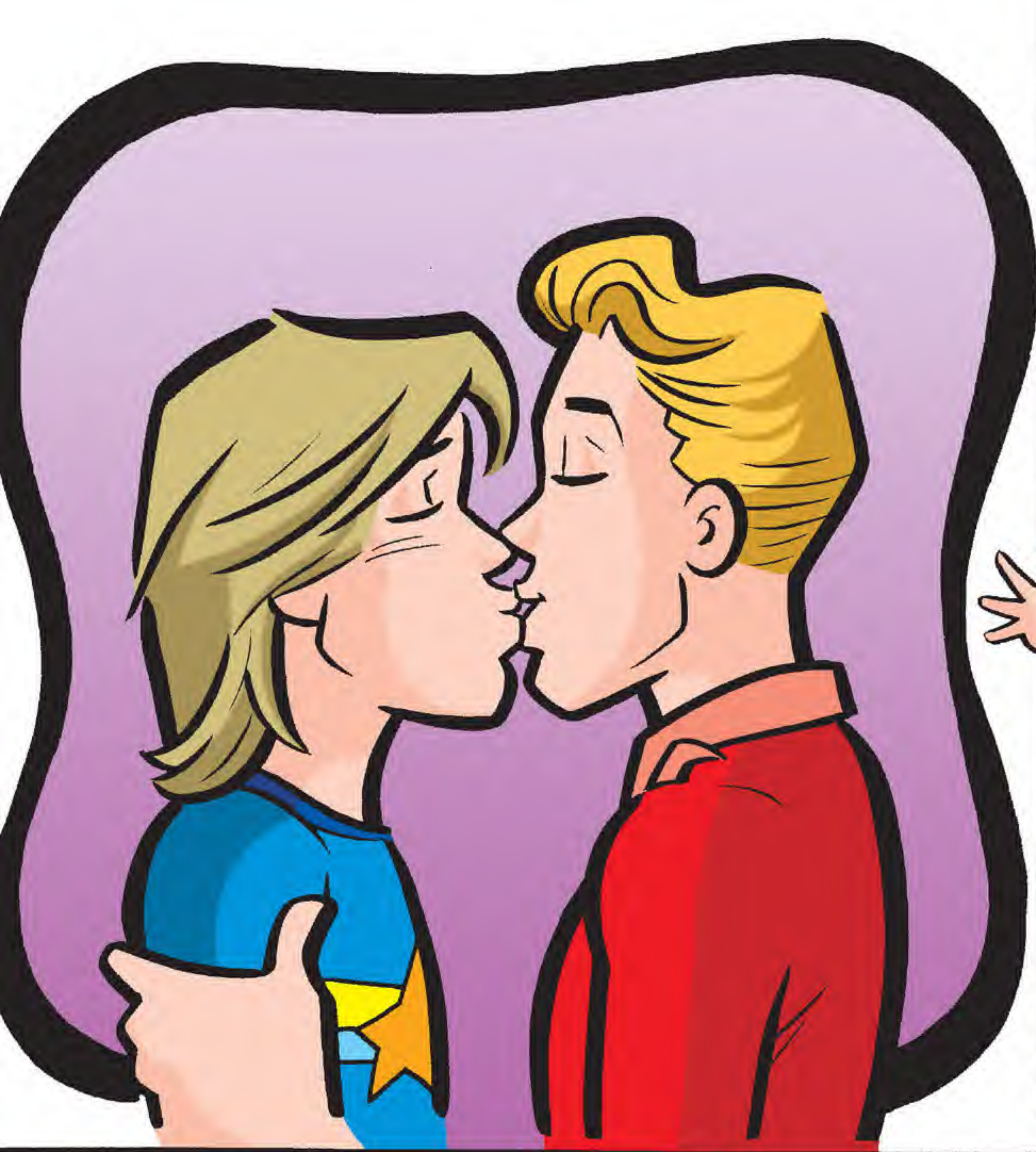




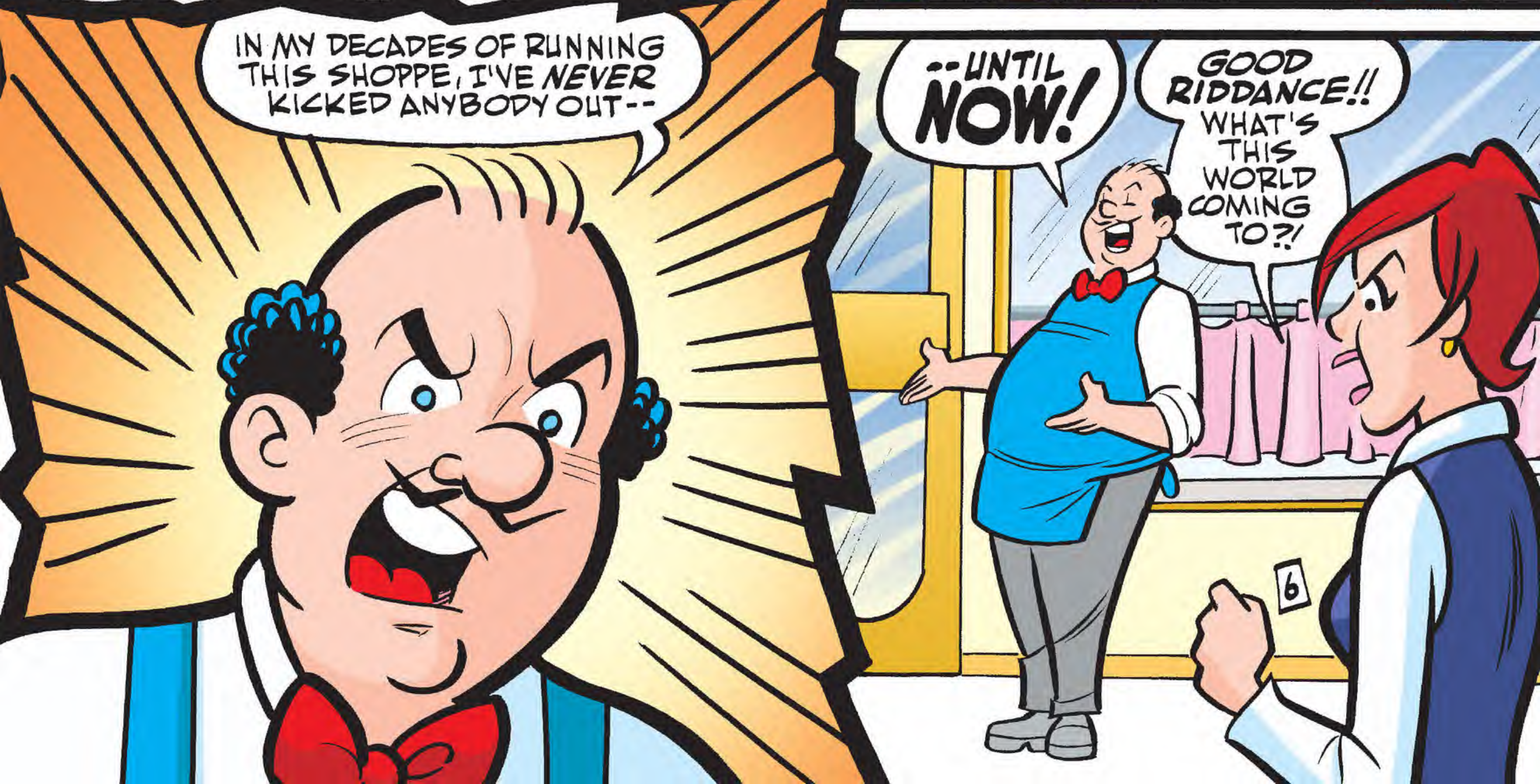
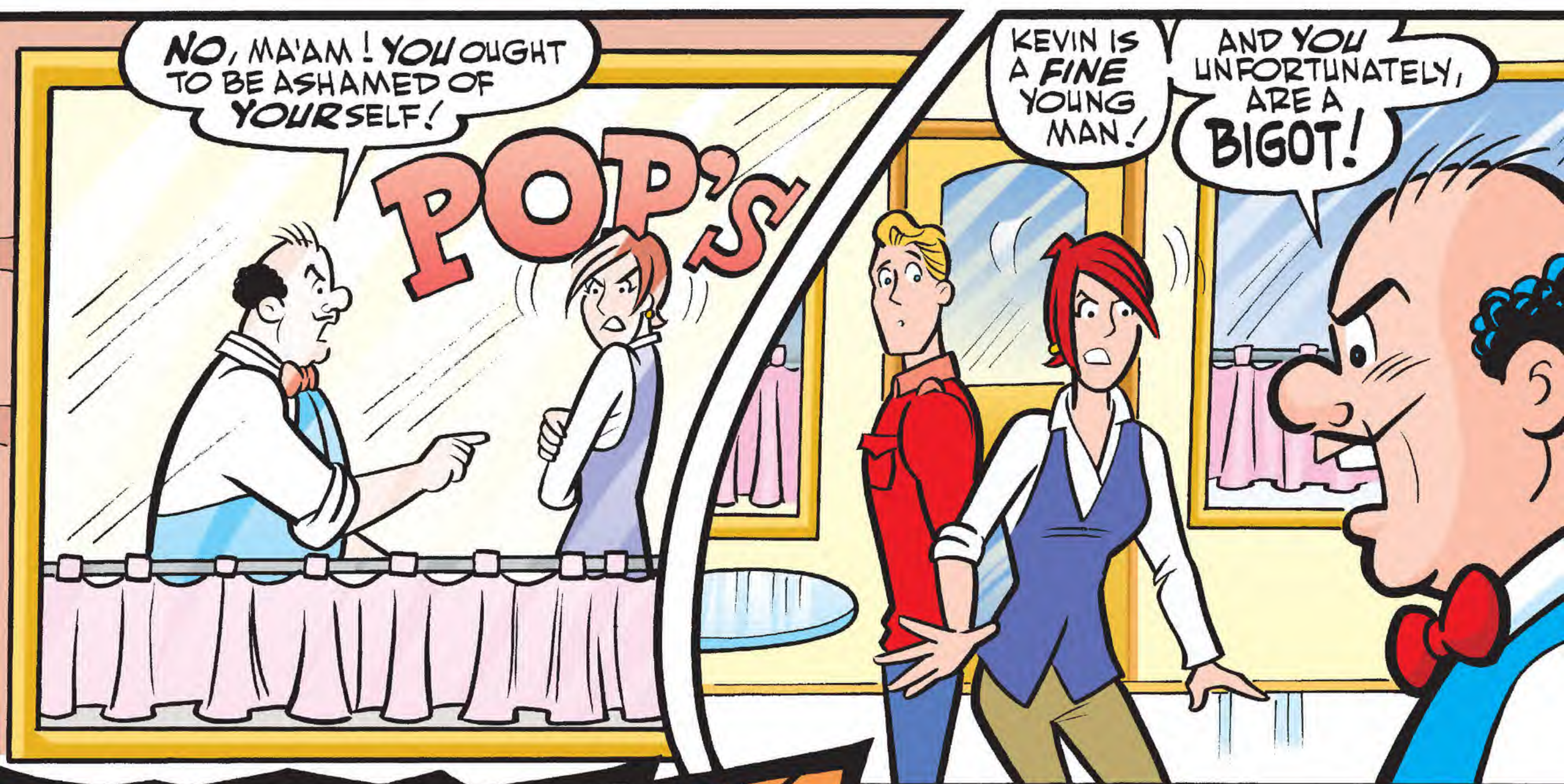
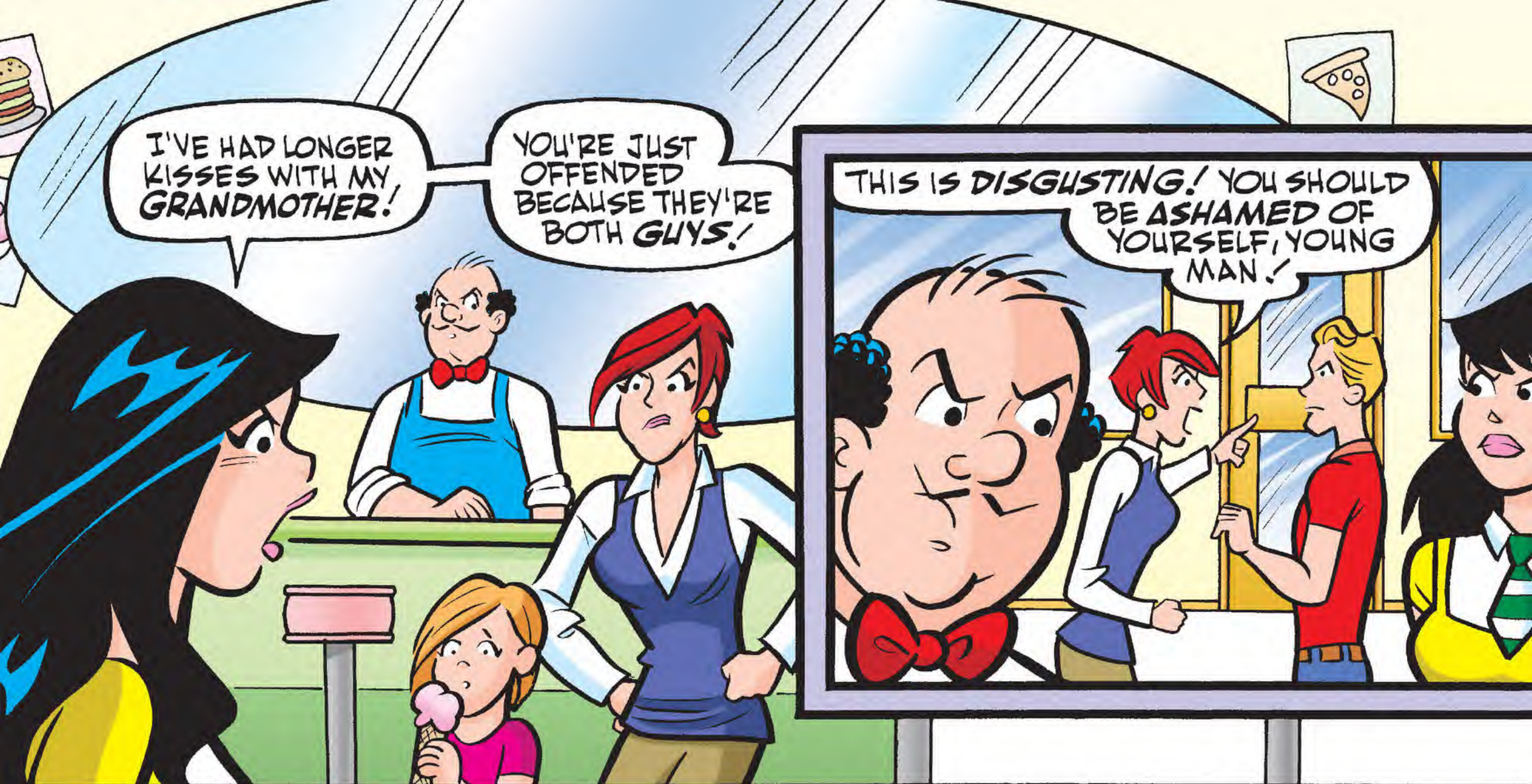




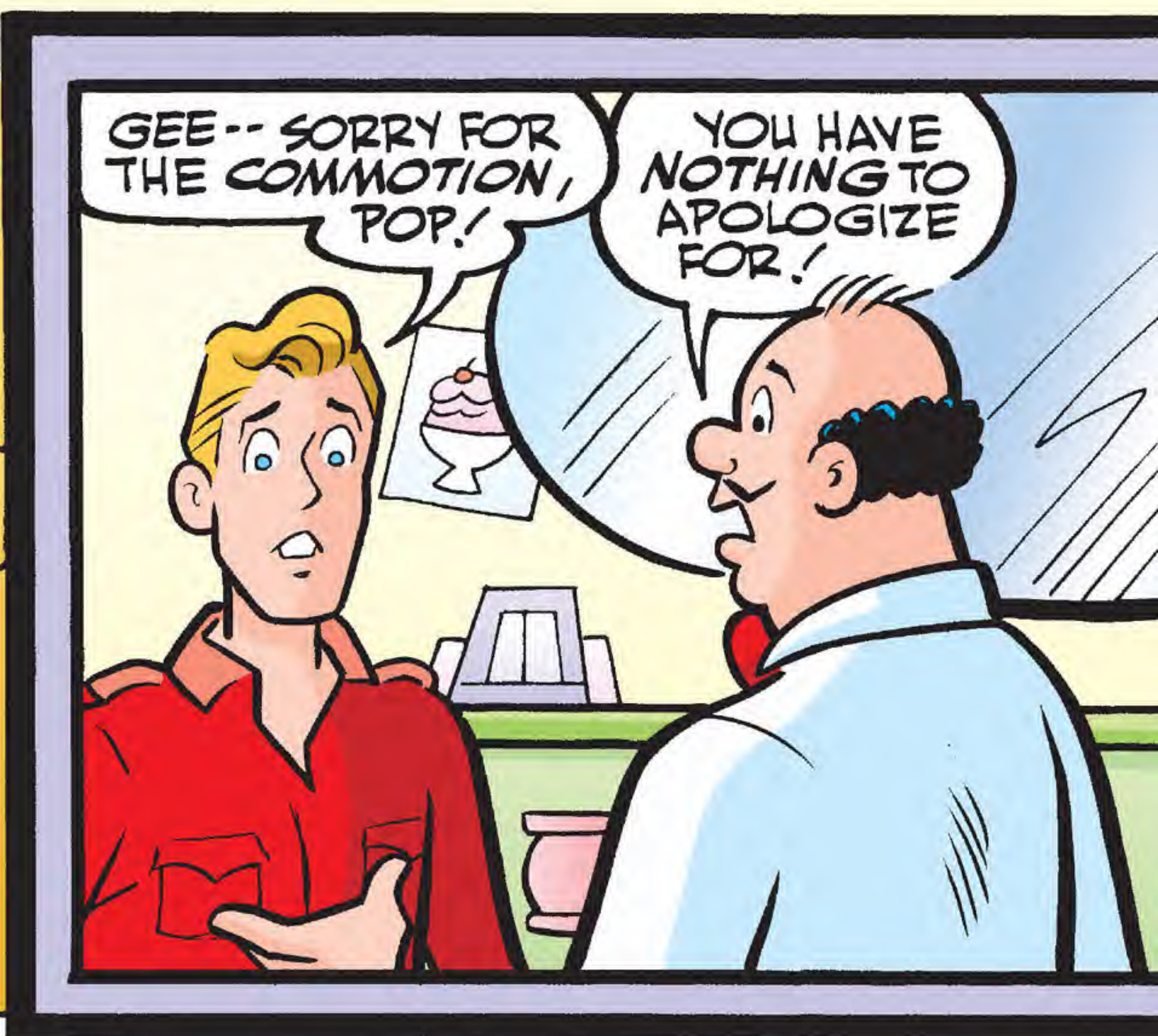
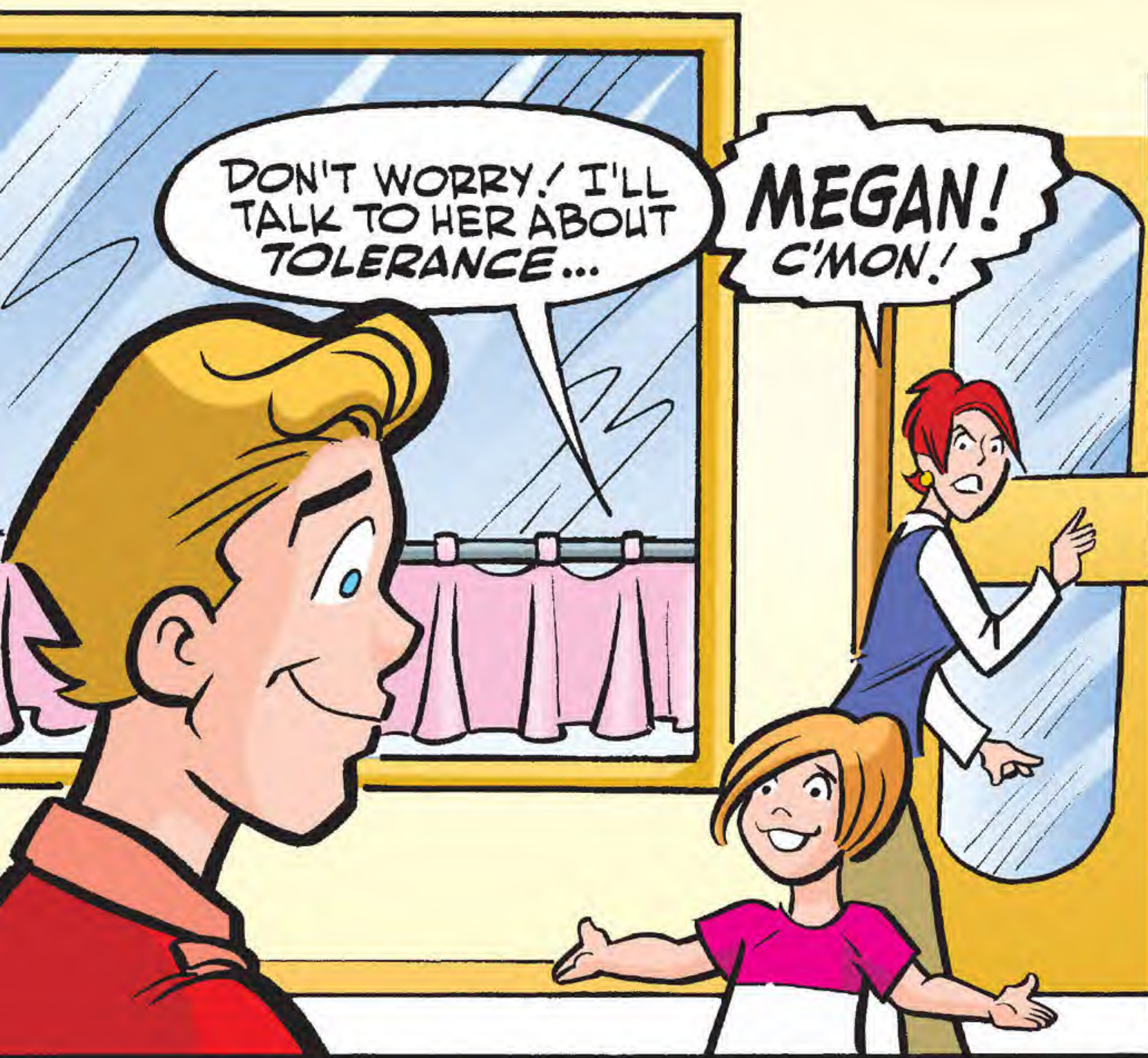




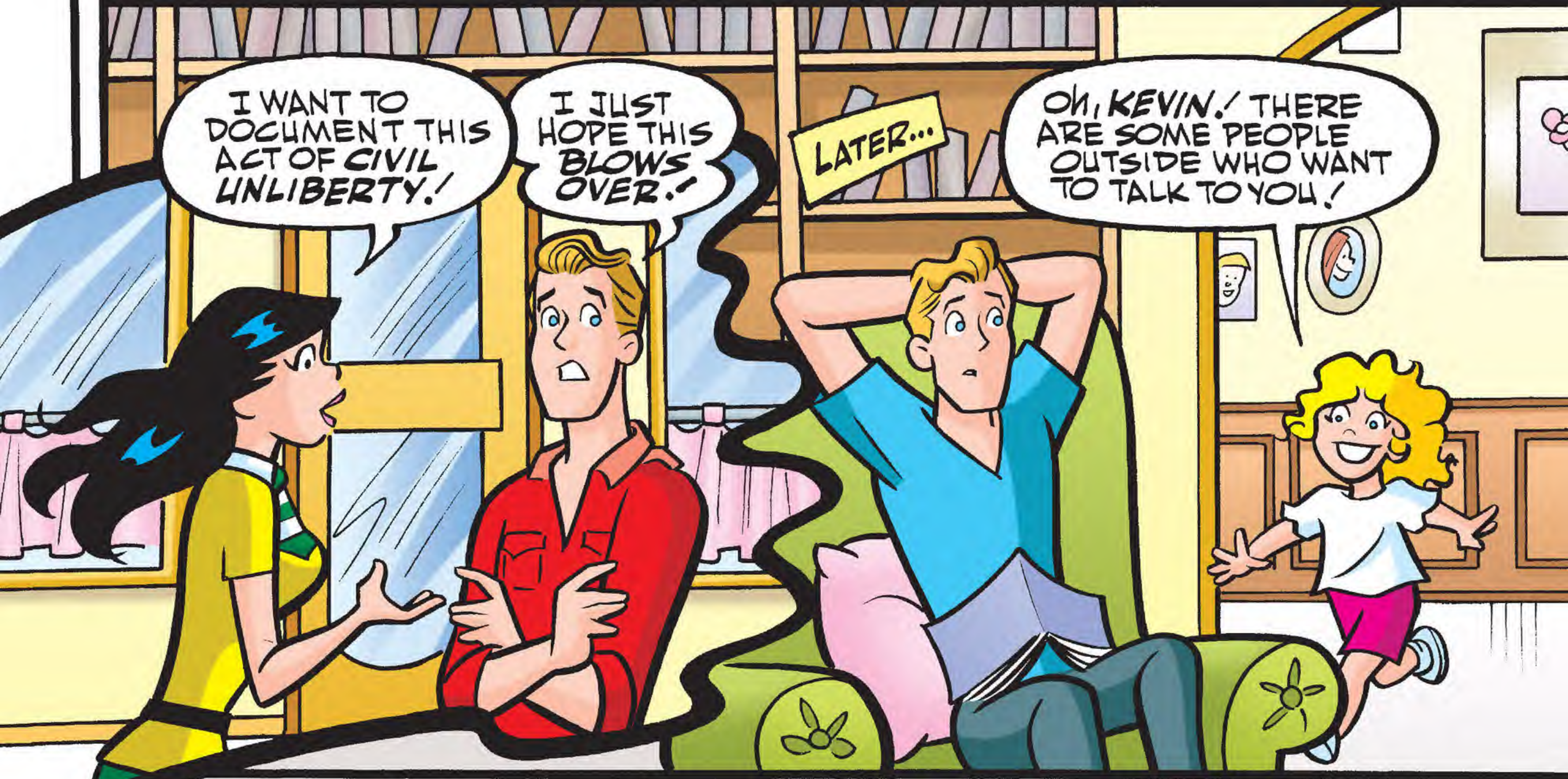










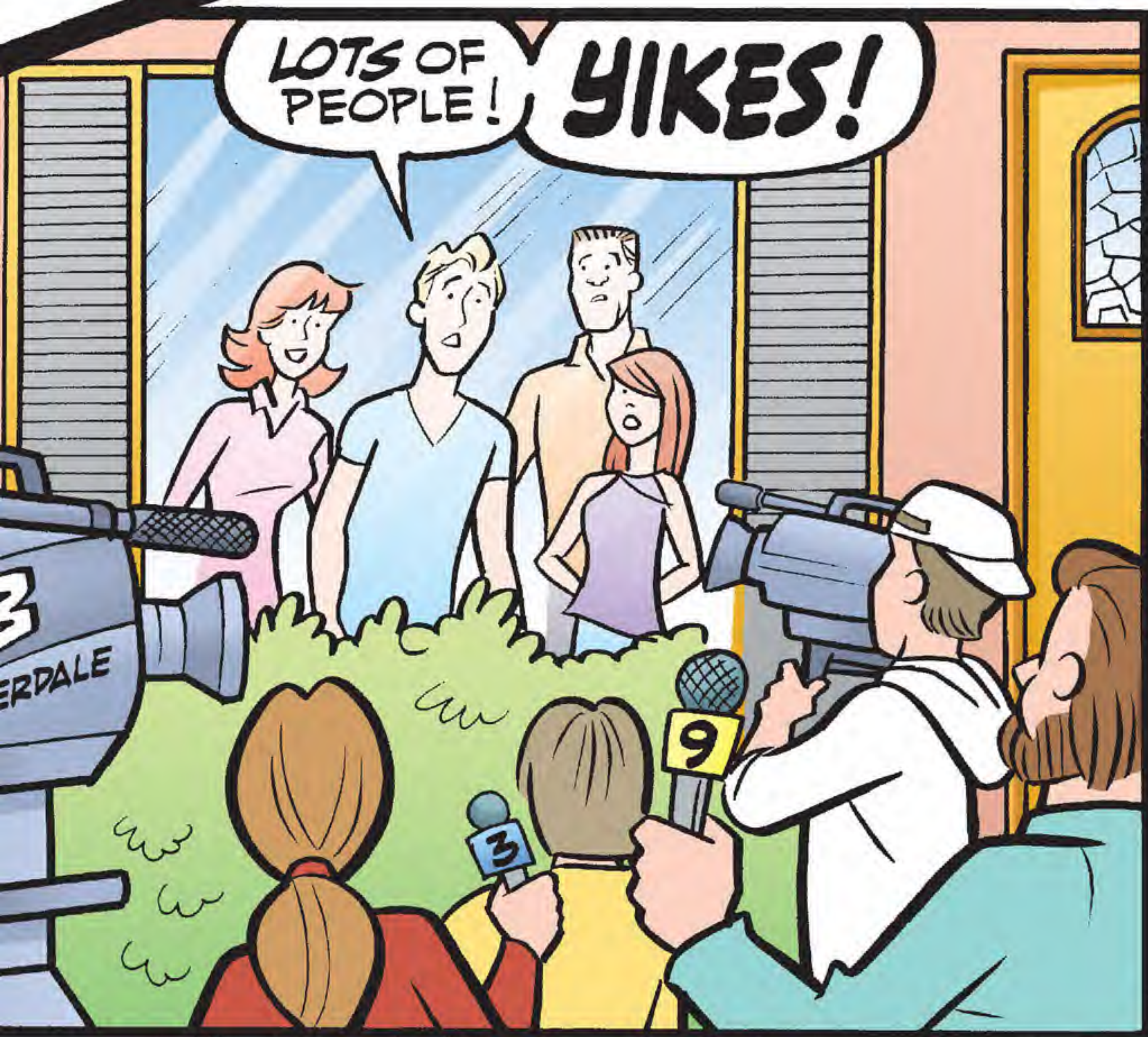


I WANT TO DOCUMENT THIS ACT OF CIVIL UNLIBERTY!

I JUST HOPE THIS BLOWS OVER!

LATER...

OH, KEVIN! THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE OUTSIDE WHO WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



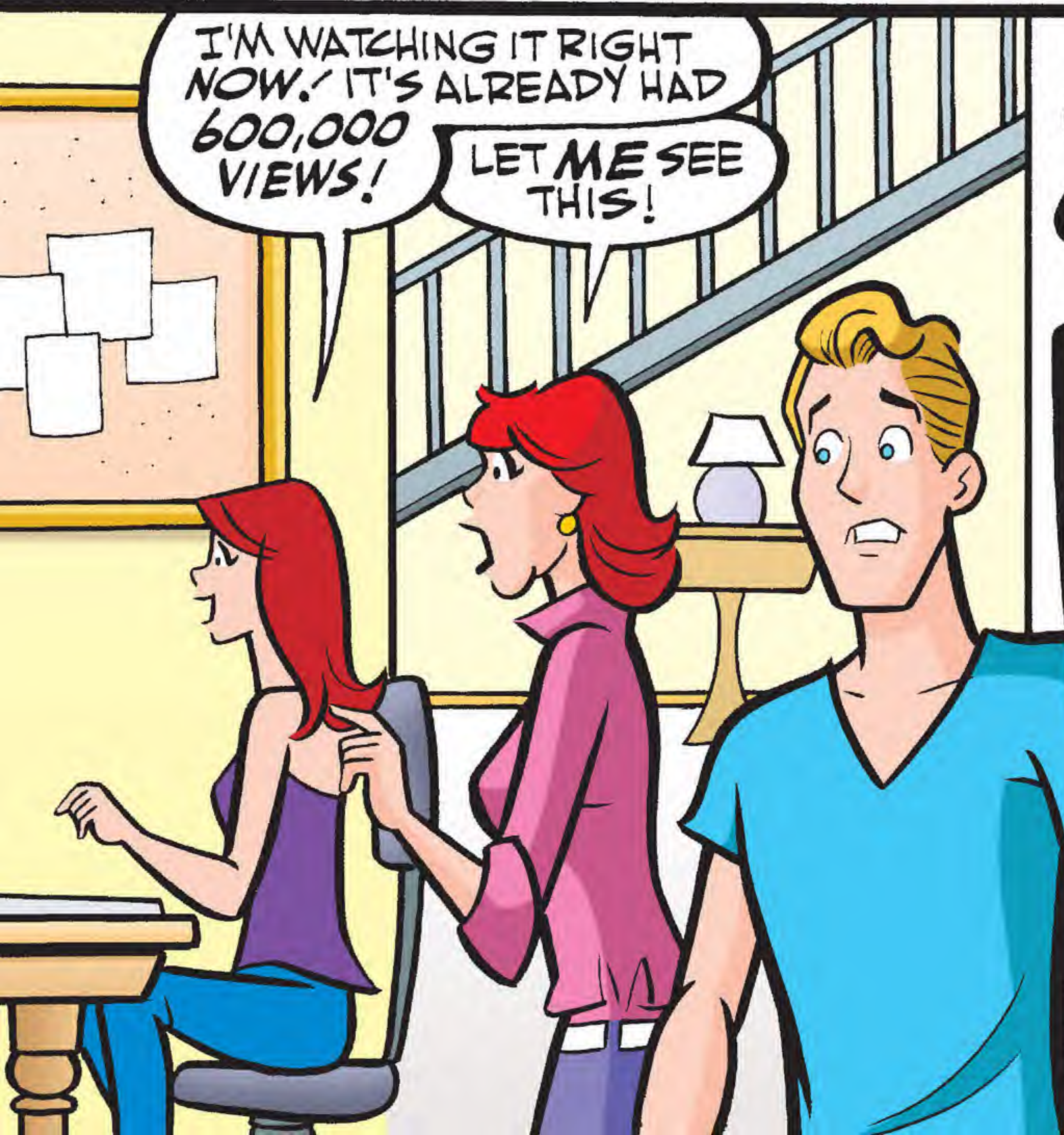
LOTS OF PEOPLE!

YIKES!



WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!

THERE WAS A LITTLE SCENE AT POP'S YESTERDAY...



I'M WATCHING IT RIGHT NOW! IT'S ALREADY HAD 600,000 VIEWS!

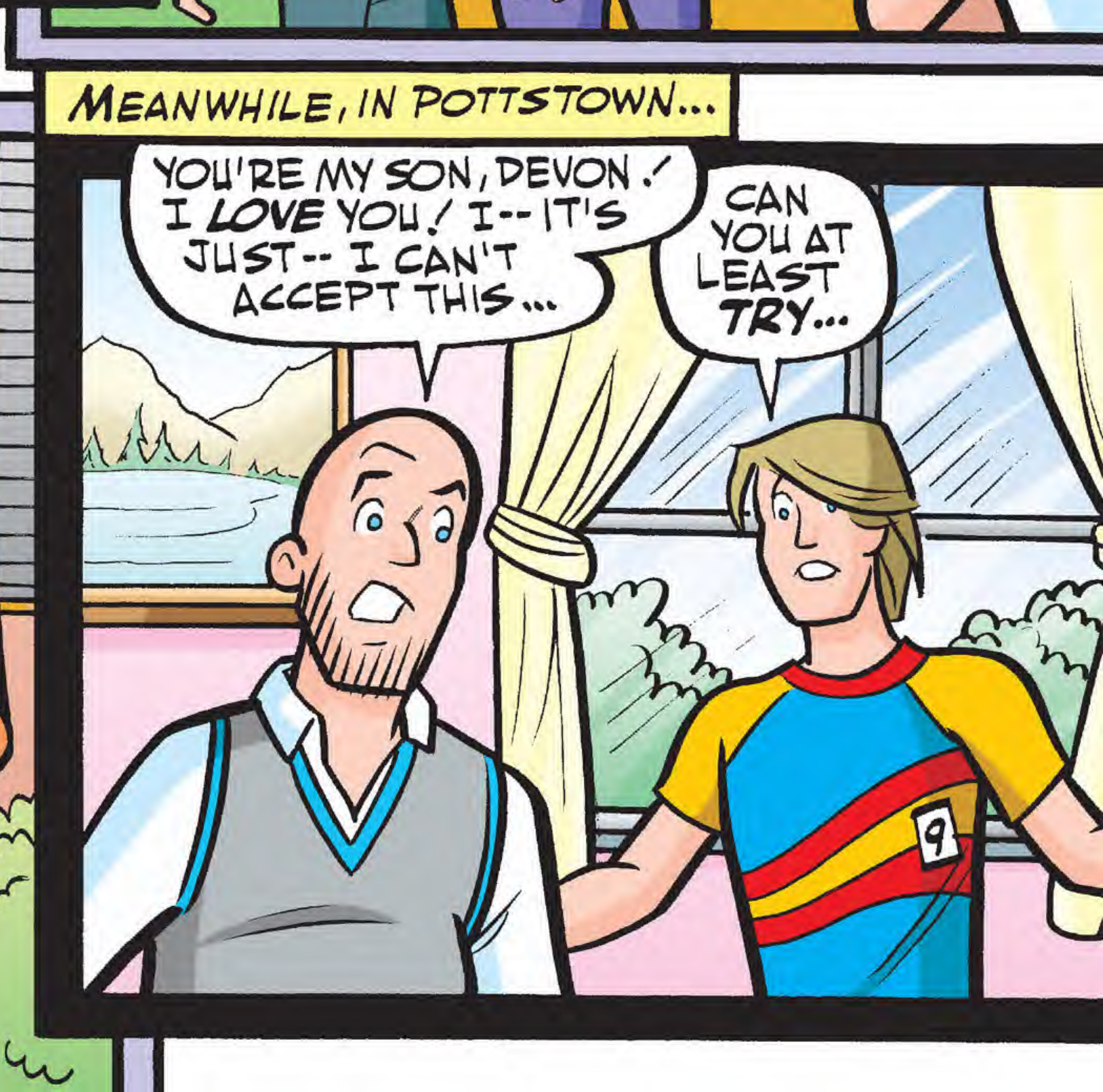
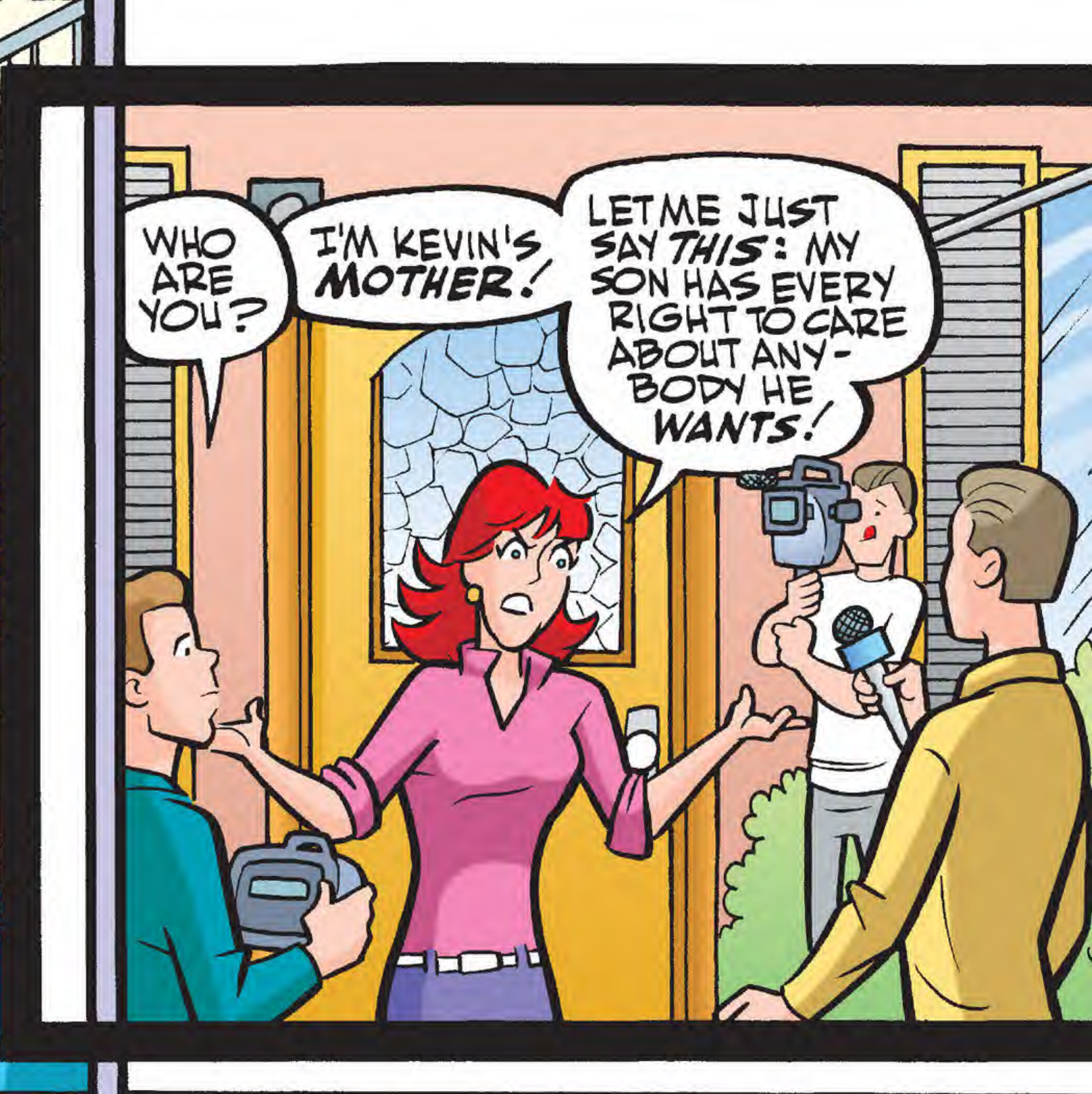
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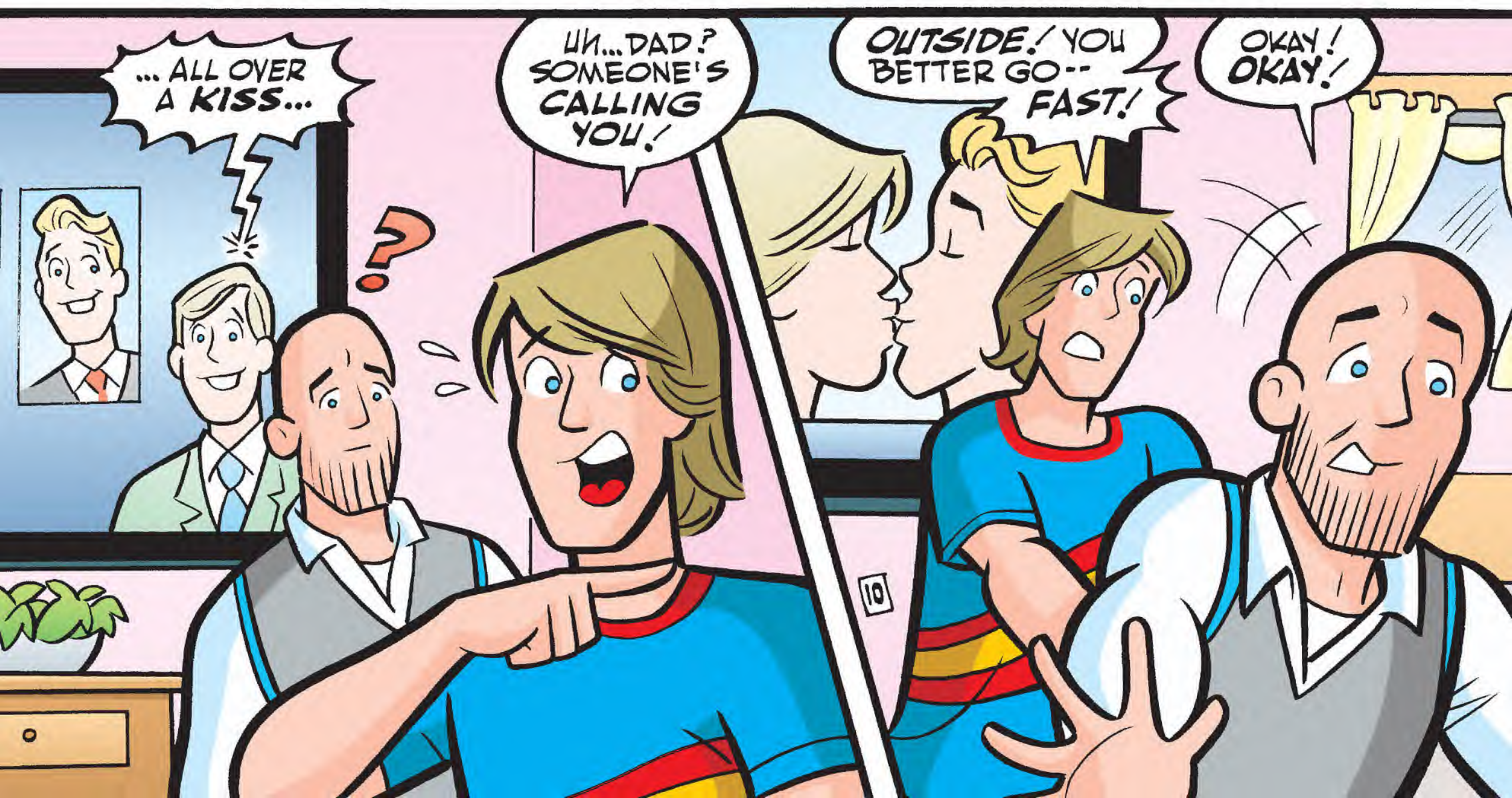
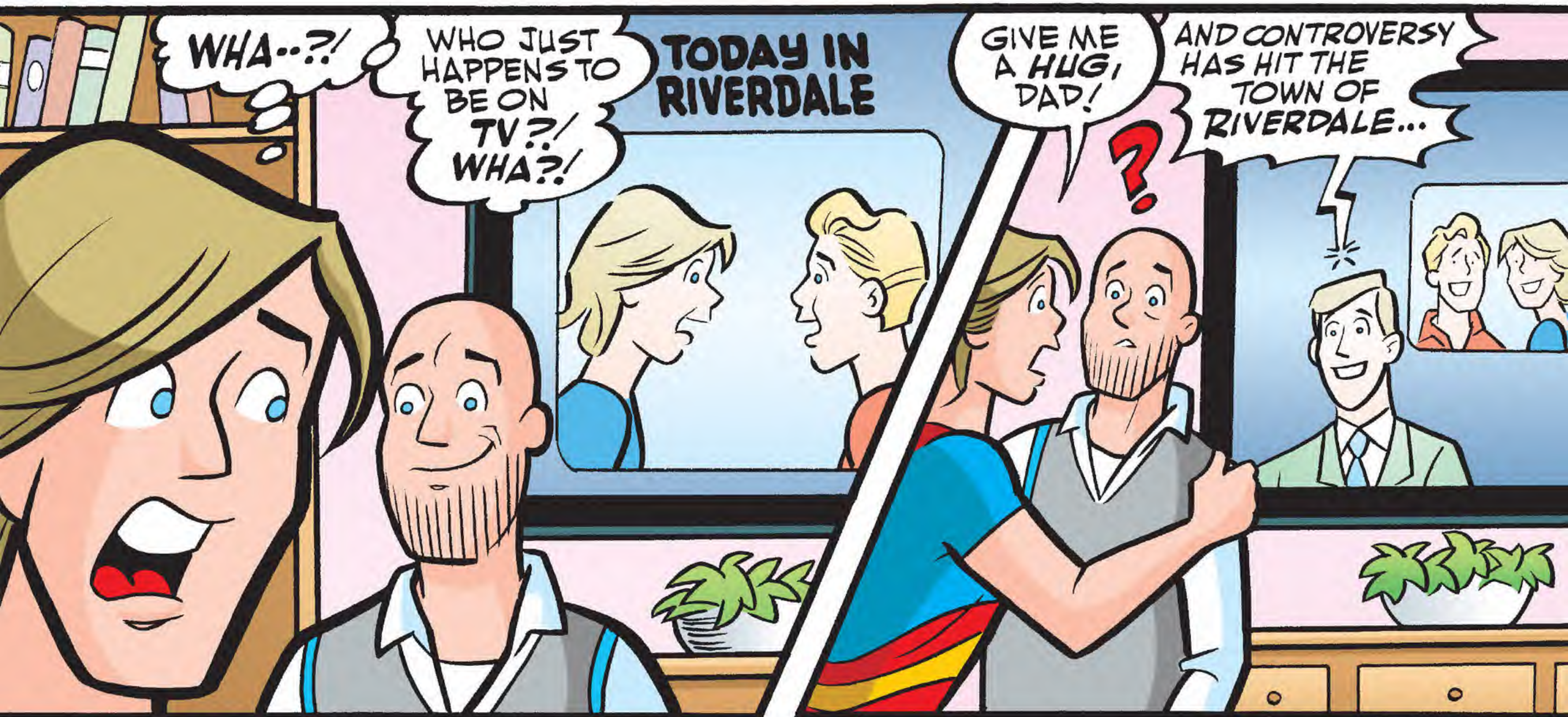
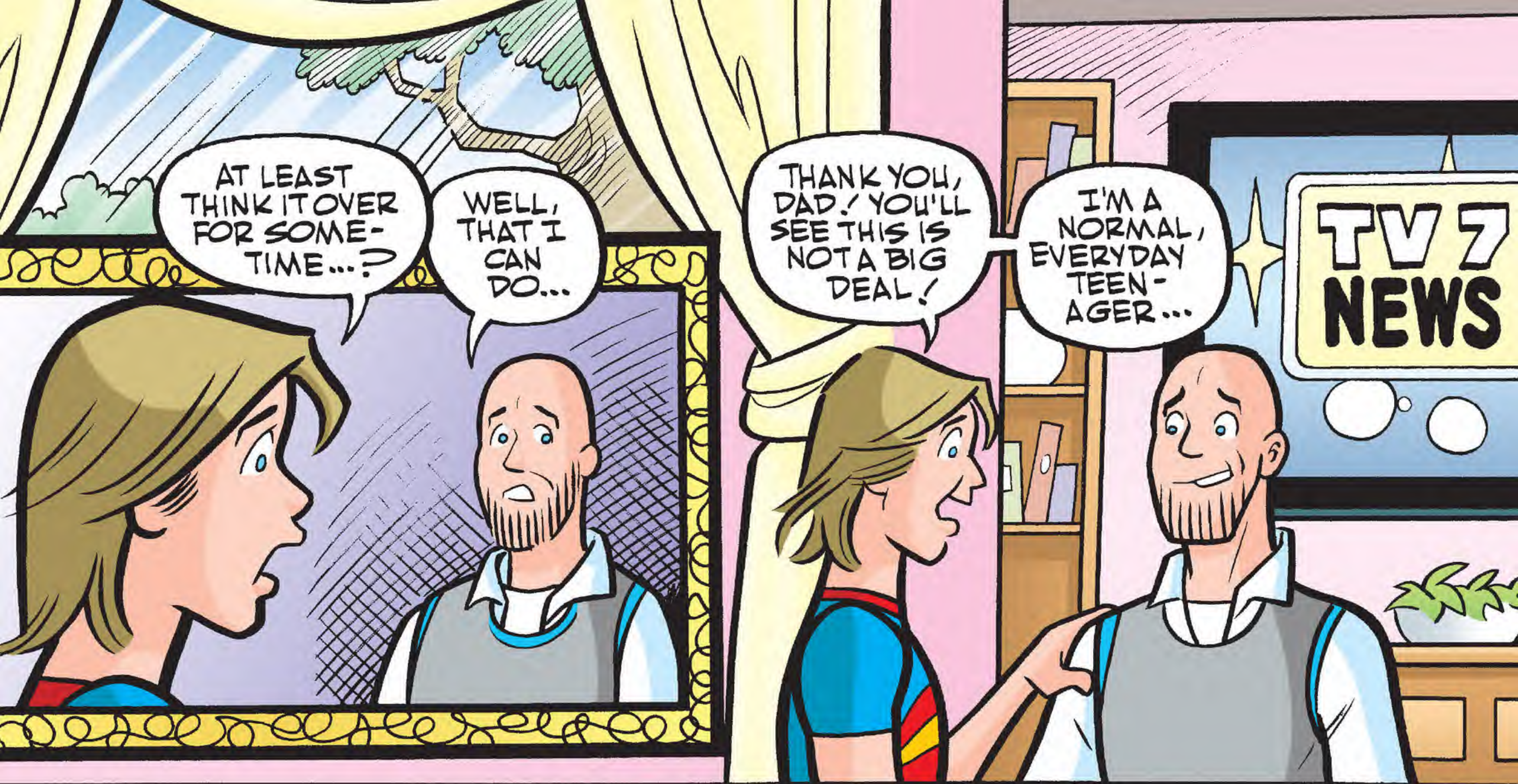
OMIGOSH! I KNOW THIS WOMAN! NORA FELSHOP!

SHE'S ON THE PTA BOARD WITH ME!!

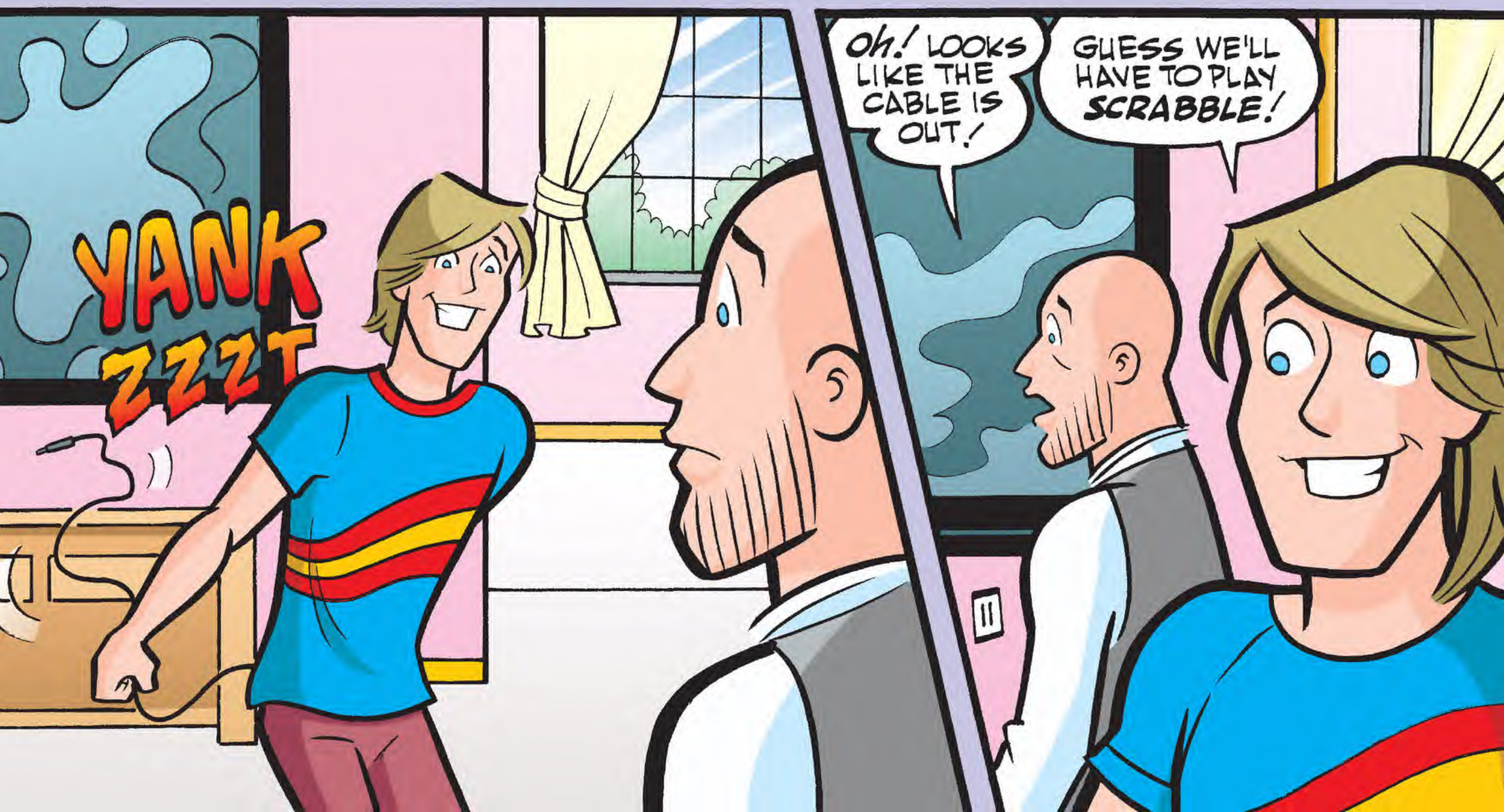
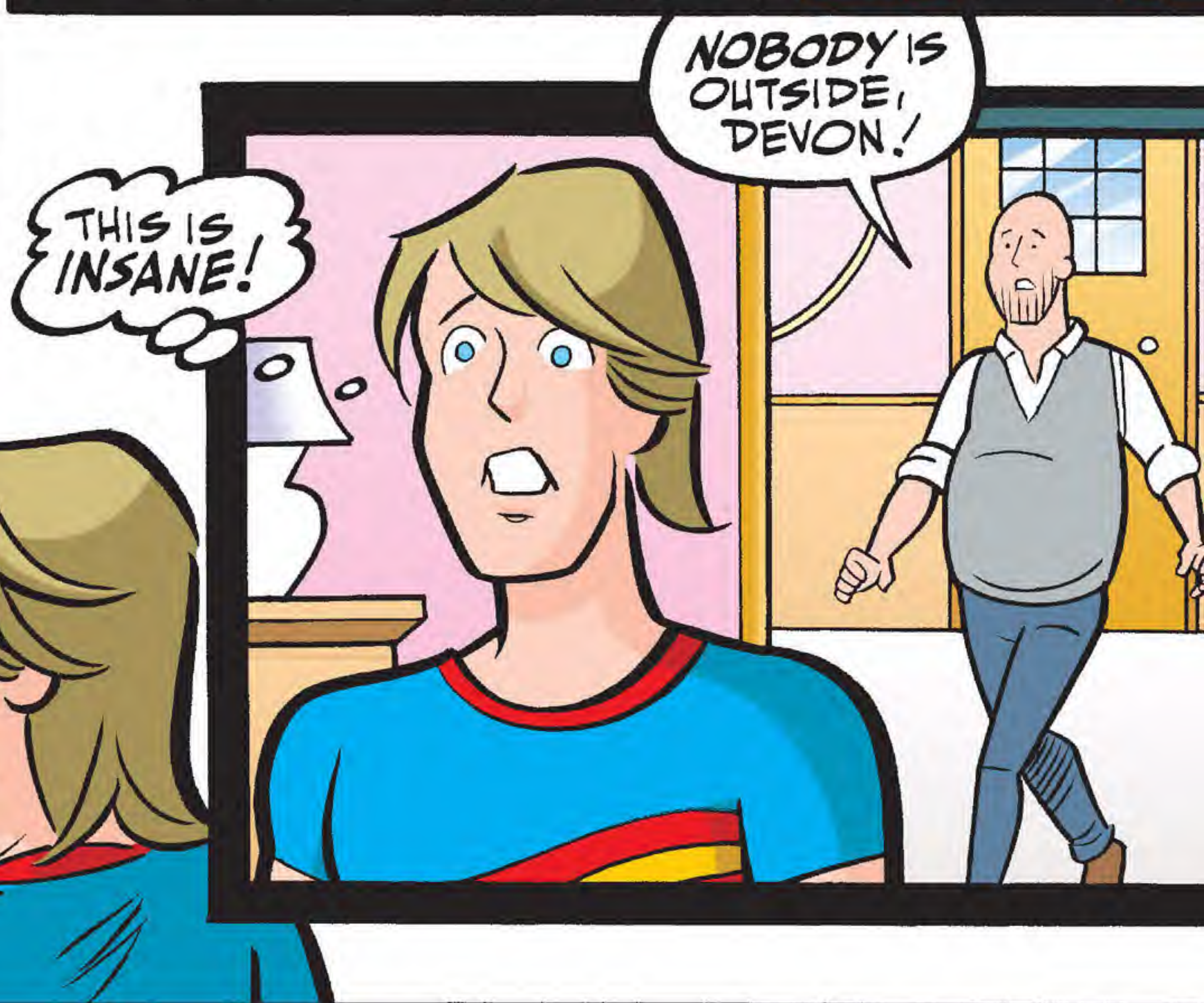
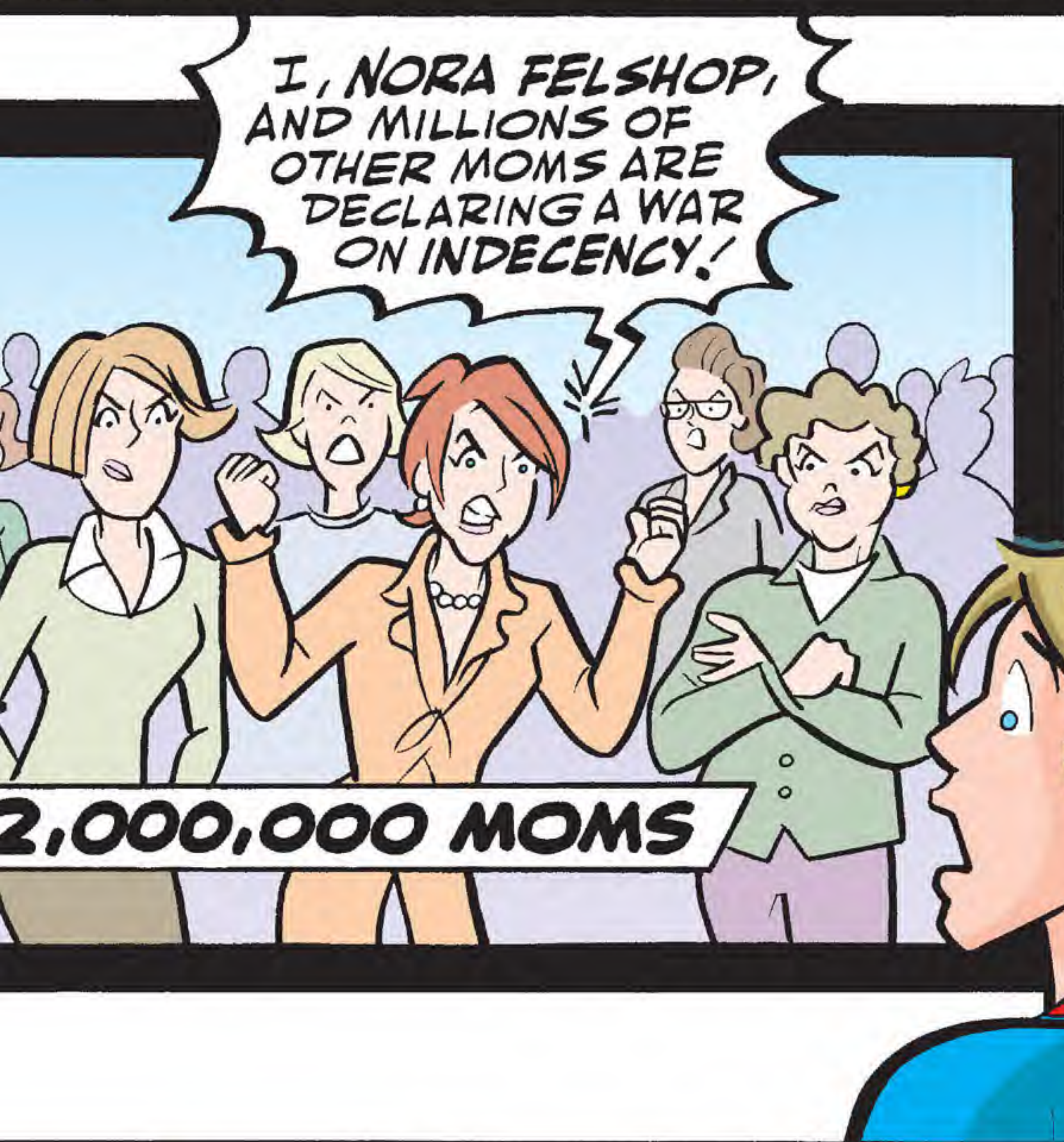
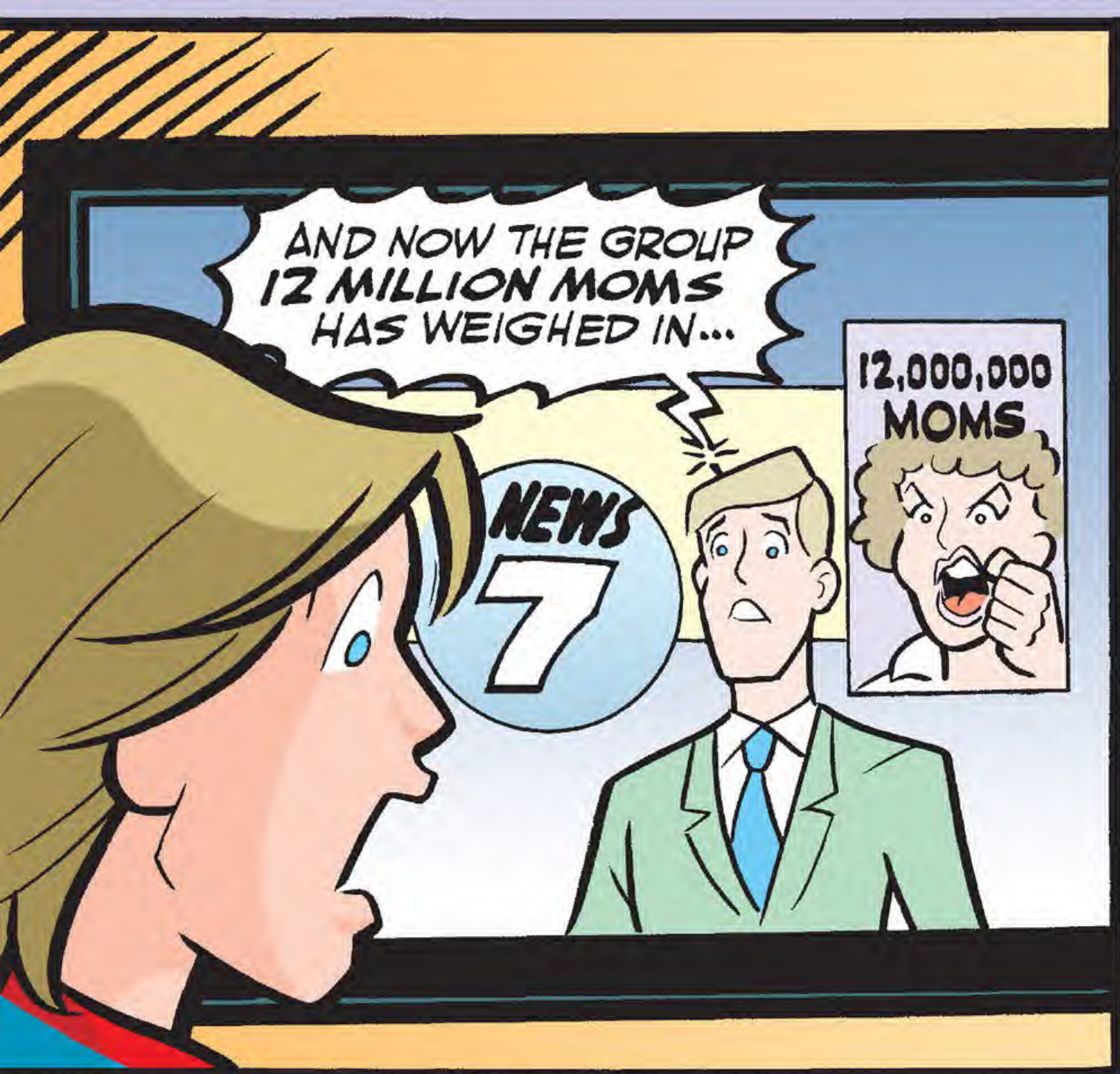




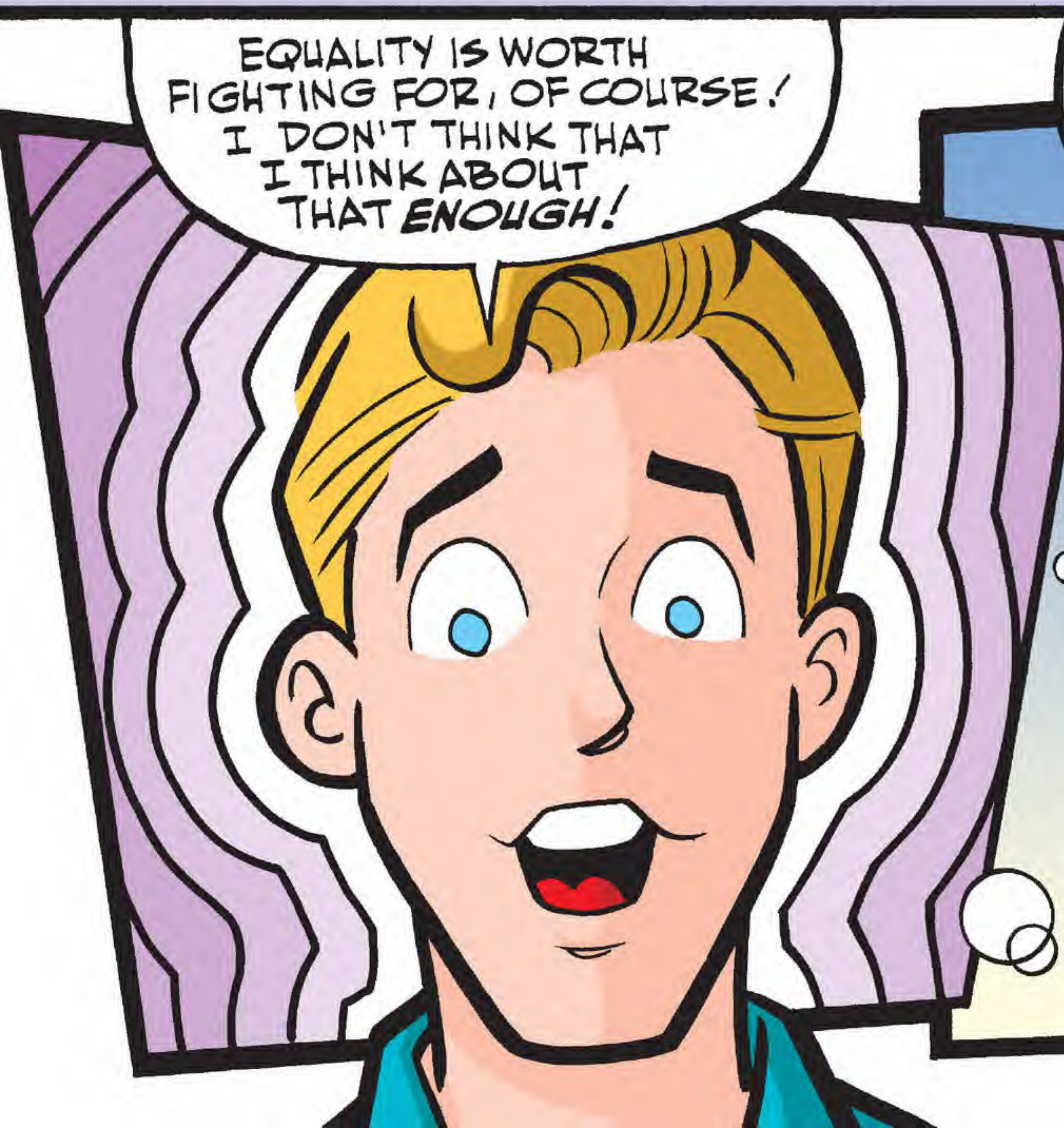
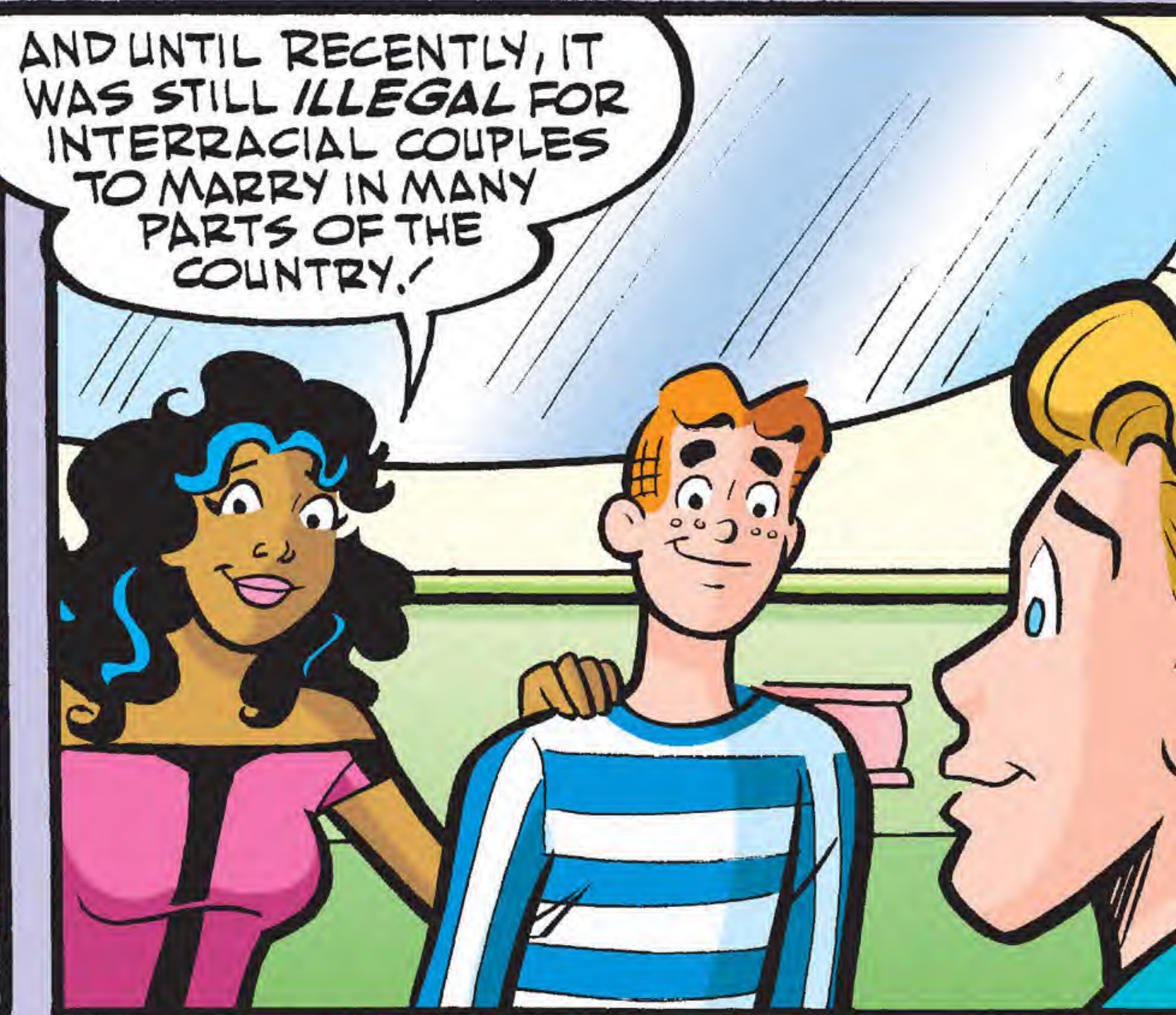
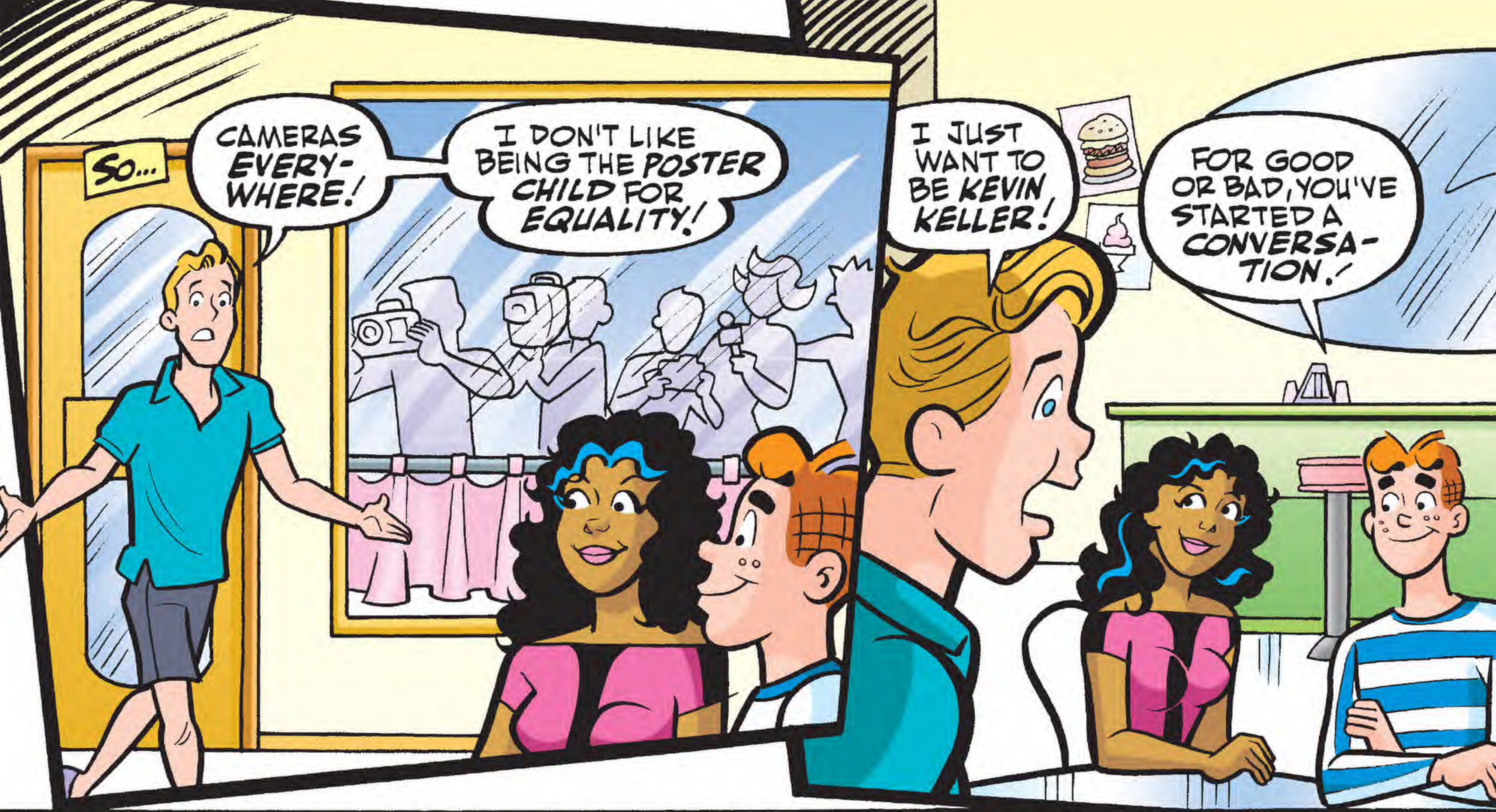




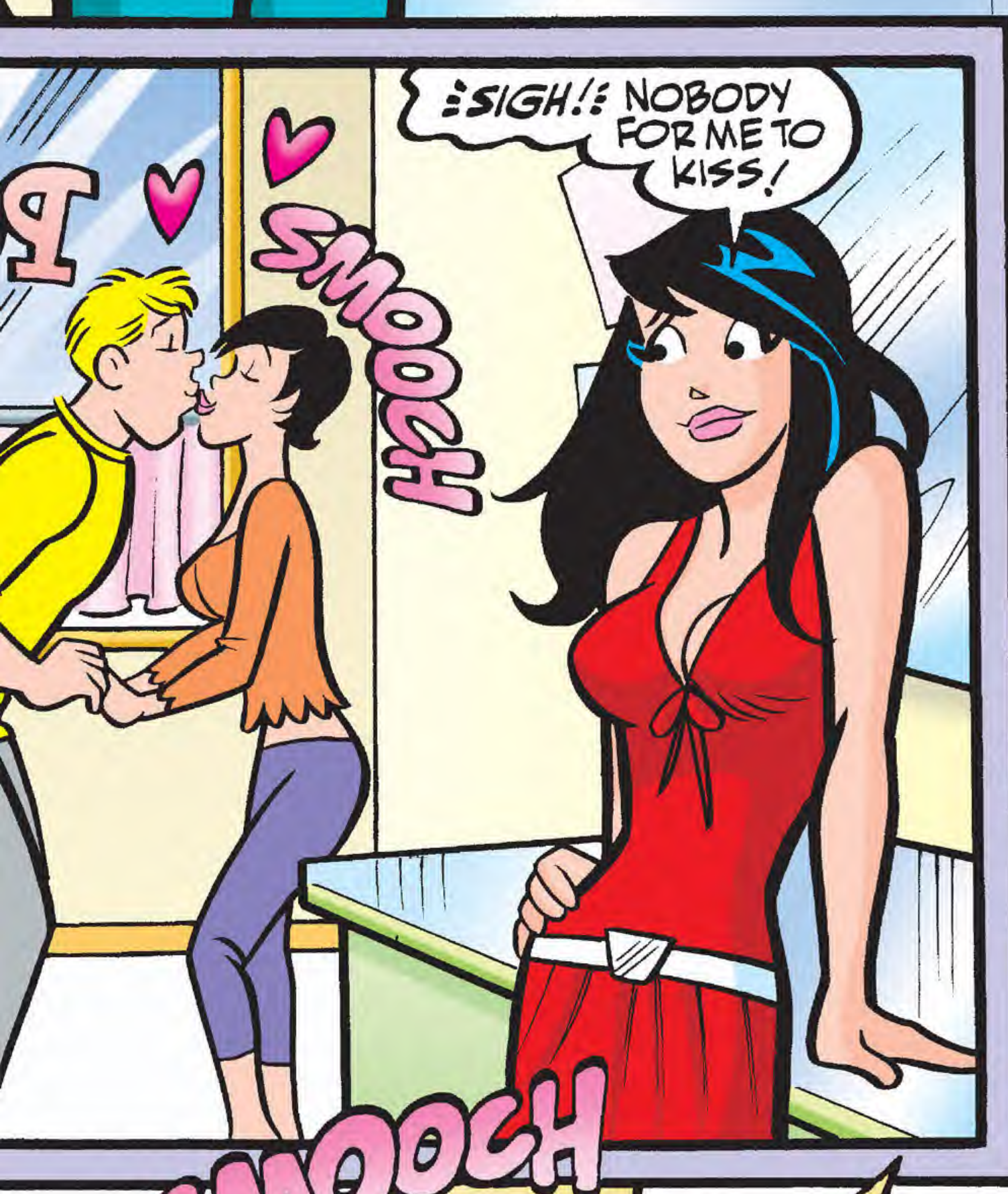
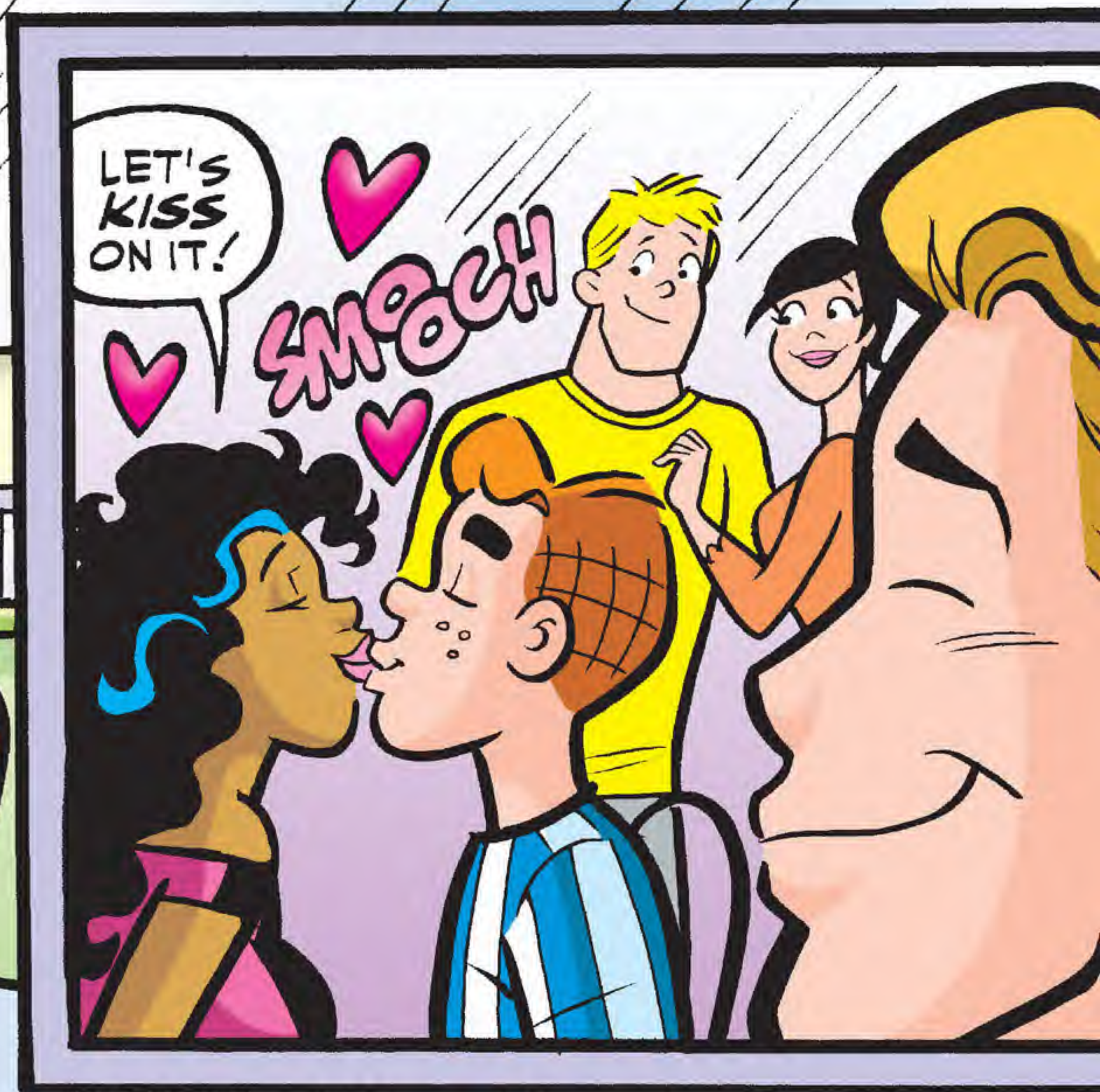
















I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOMEONE TO KISS!

YOU TAPPED MY SHOULDER!

YEAH!

I WANTED TO MOVE YOUR DEAD WEIGHT OVER SO I COULD REACH MY BURGER!

ooh!  
I NEED SOAP AND WATER!



ACK!  
I NEED ANTI-BIOTICS!!

HA! OKAY-- SO THERE ARE *SOME* KISSES THAT ARE INAPPROPRIATE!

SO!

THIS IS ELLEN! AND WE'VE BROUGHT OUR SHOW TO RIVERDALE HIGH FOR A TOWN MEETING ABOUT "THE KISS!"



MR. WEATHERBEE-- YOUR THOUGHTS ON PDAS WITH TEENS?\*

AND THOSE OF THE SAME SEX?

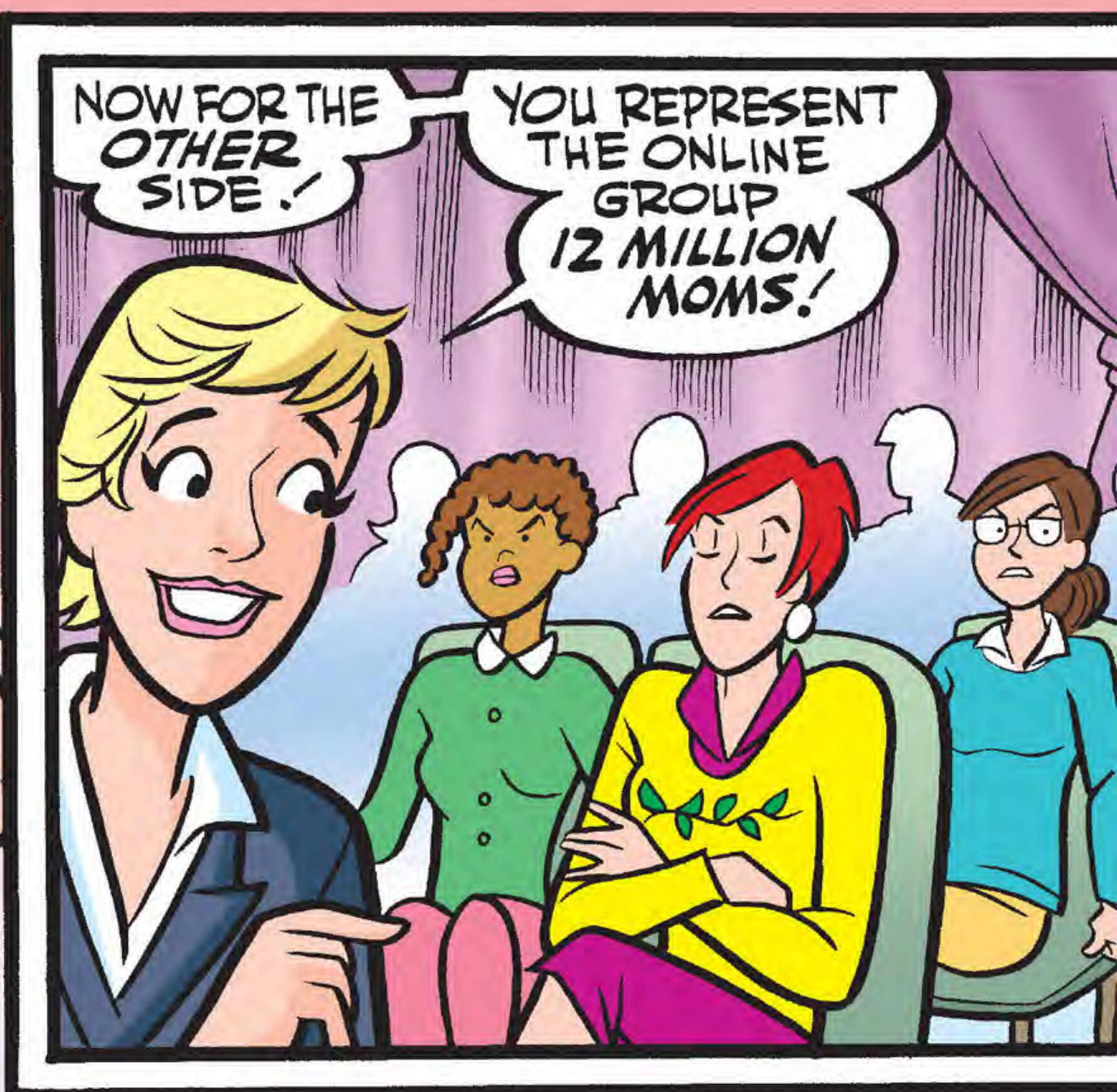
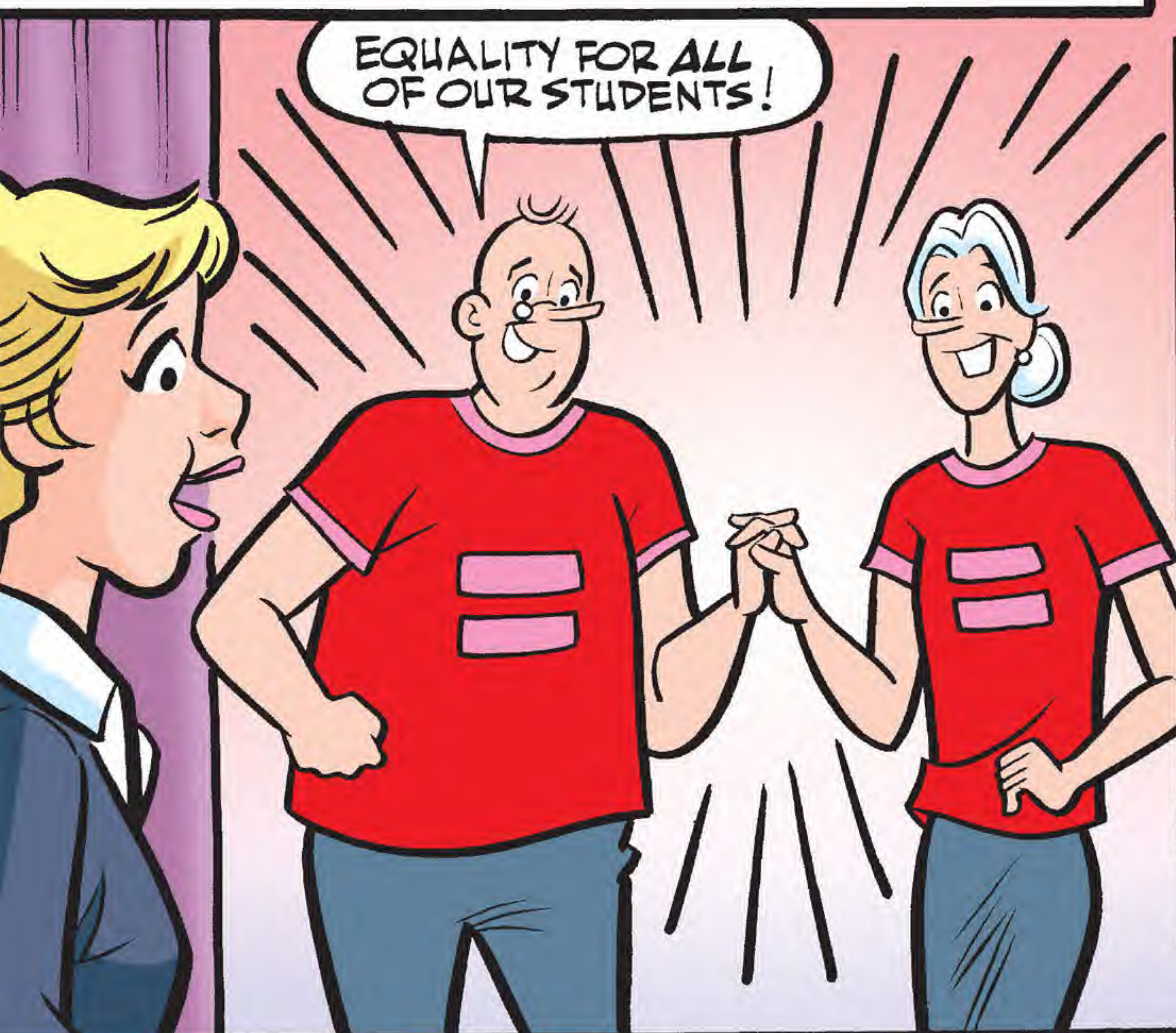
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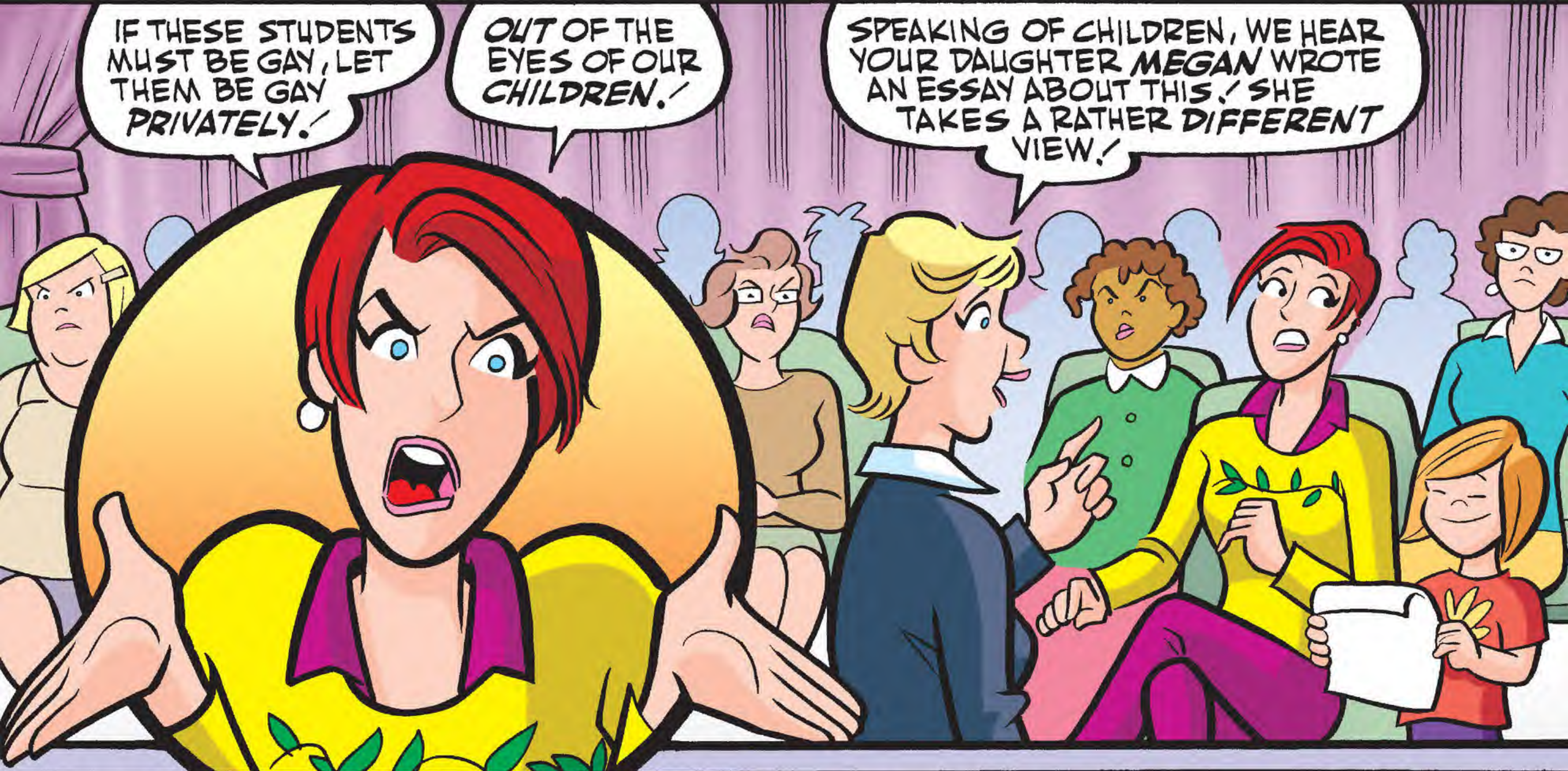
THE KISS KEVIN DISPLAYED WAS COMPLETELY APPROPRIATE!

I'VE SEEN MANY INAPPROPRIATE DISPLAYS FROM STRAIGHT STUDENTS!





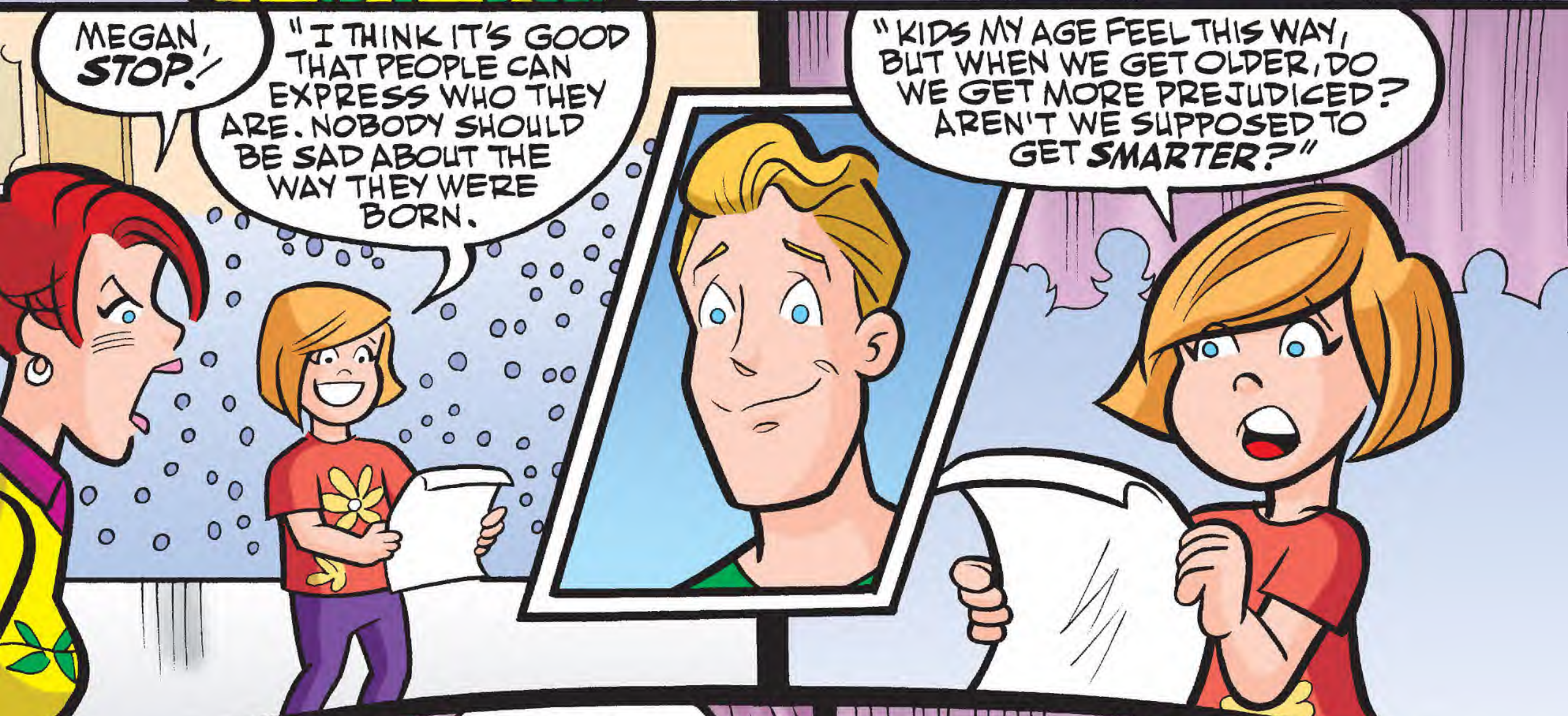




IF THESE STUDENTS MUST BE GAY, LET THEM BE GAY PRIVATELY!

OUT OF THE EYES OF OUR CHILDREN!

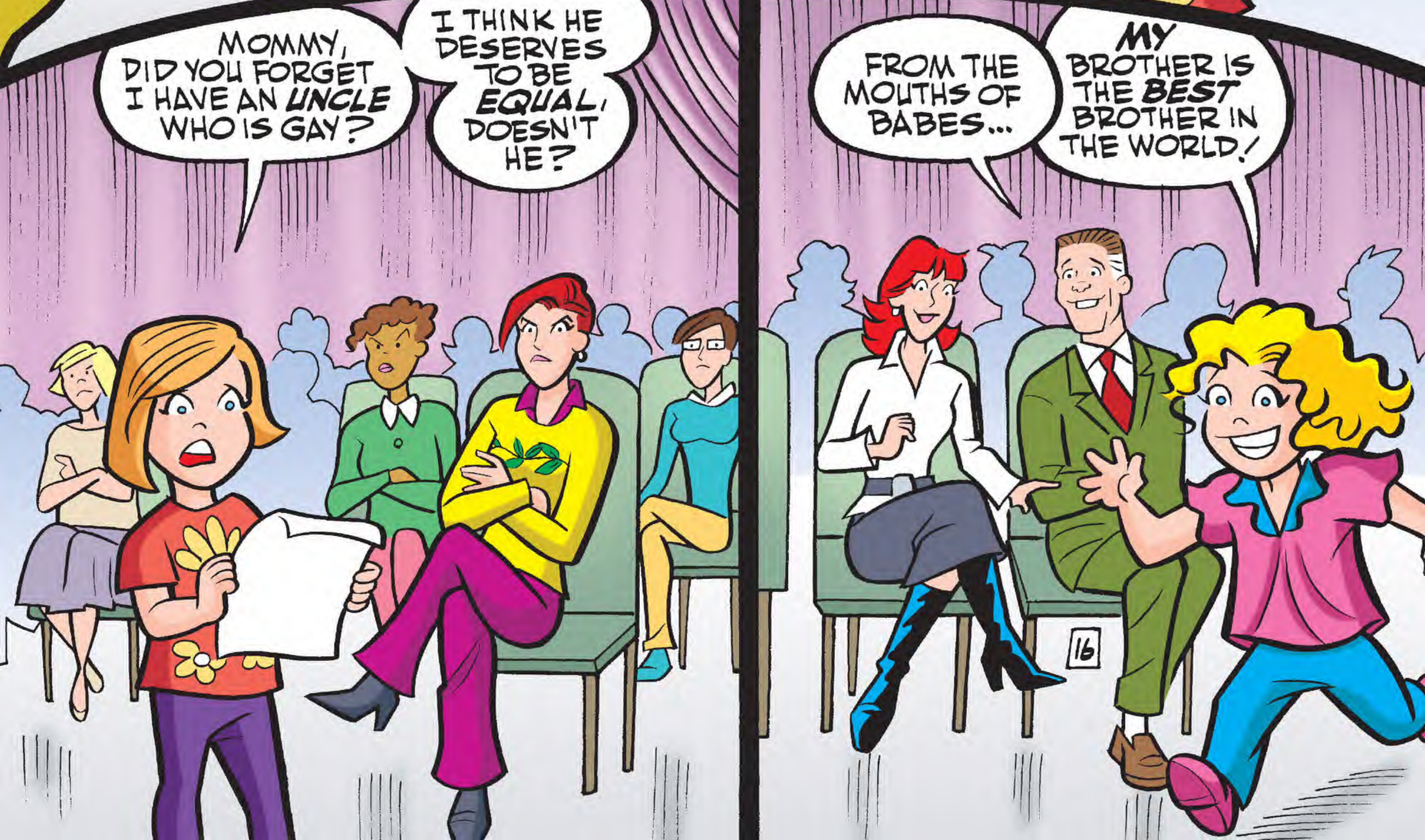
SPEAKING OF CHILDREN, WE HEAR YOUR DAUGHTER MEGAN WROTE AN ESSAY ABOUT THIS! SHE TAKES A RATHER DIFFERENT VIEW!



MEGAN, STOP!

"I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT PEOPLE CAN EXPRESS WHO THEY ARE. NOBODY SHOULD BE SAD ABOUT THE WAY THEY WERE BORN."

"KIDS MY AGE FEEL THIS WAY, BUT WHEN WE GET OLDER, DO WE GET MORE PREJUDICED? AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO GET SMARTER?"



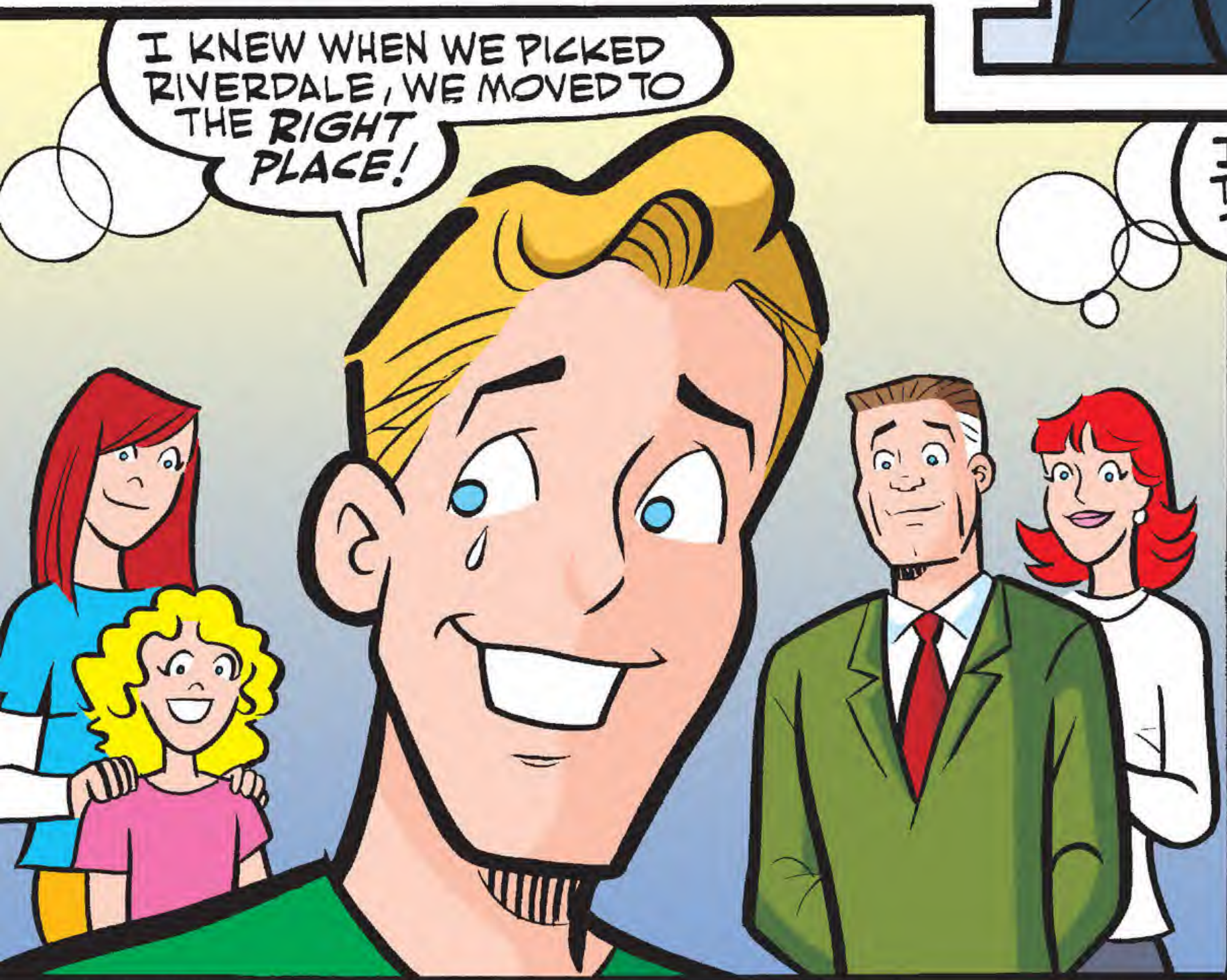
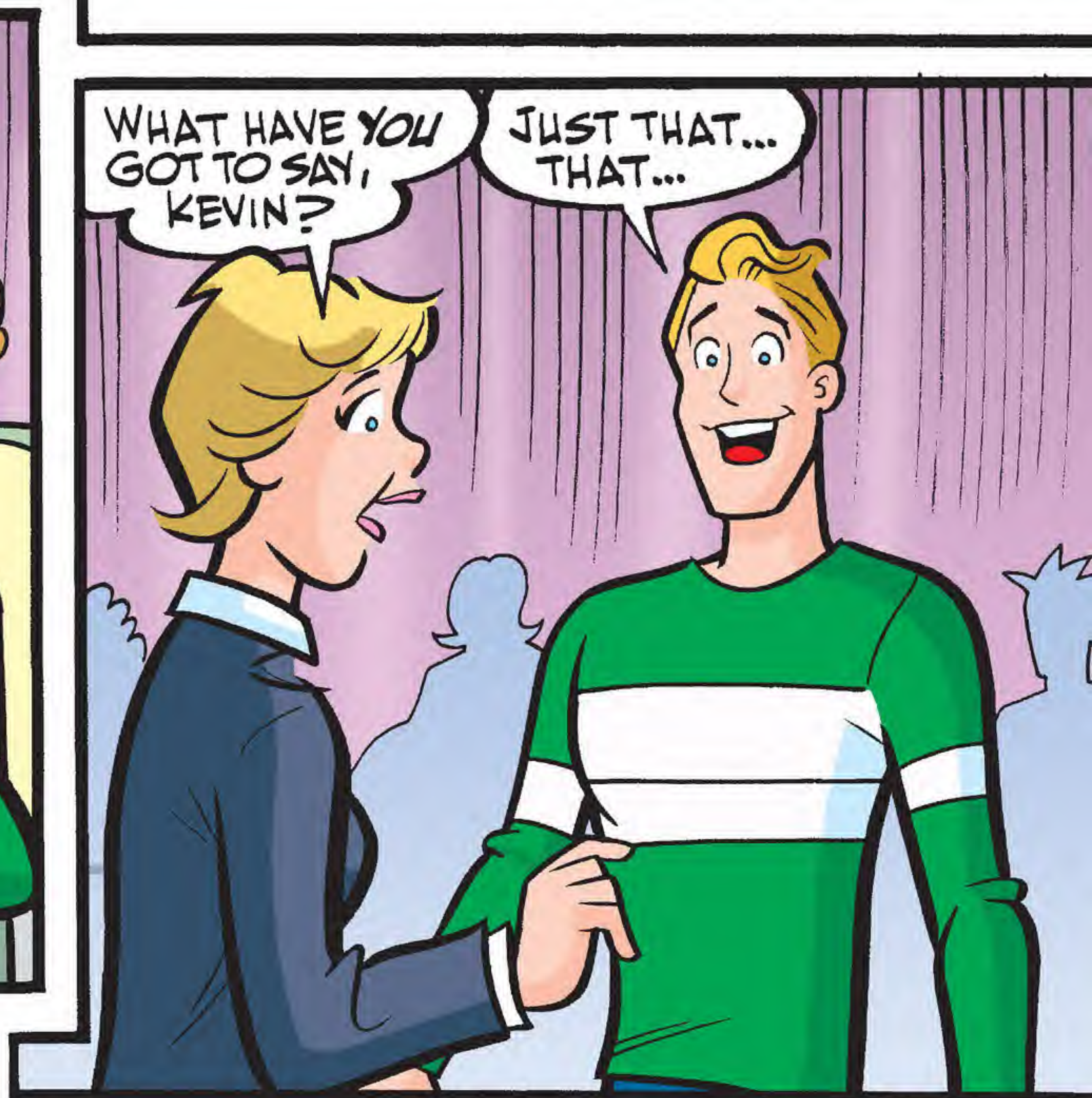
MOMMY, DID YOU FORGET I HAVE AN UNCLE WHO IS GAY?

I THINK HE DESERVES TO BE EQUAL, DOESN'T HE?

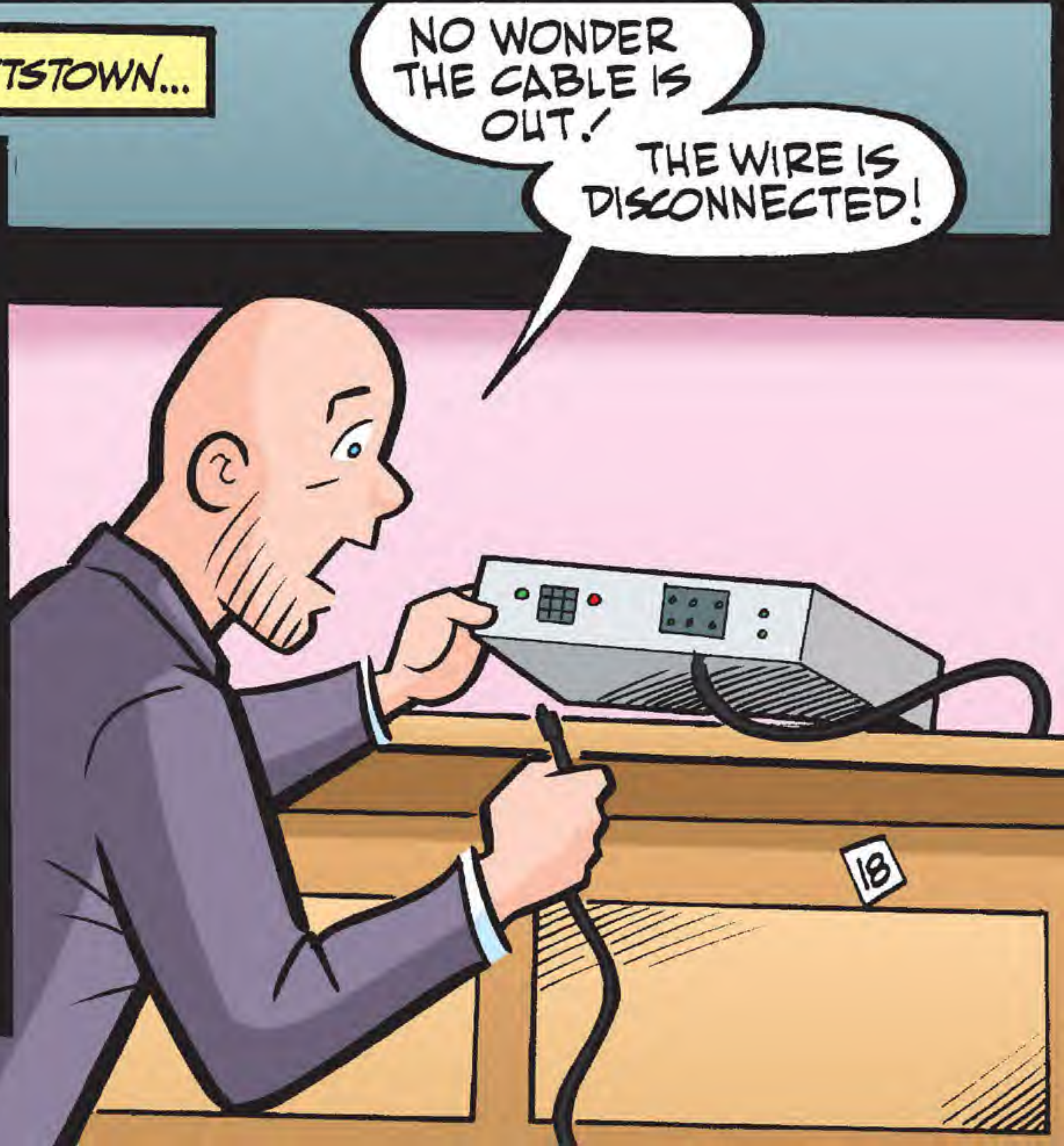
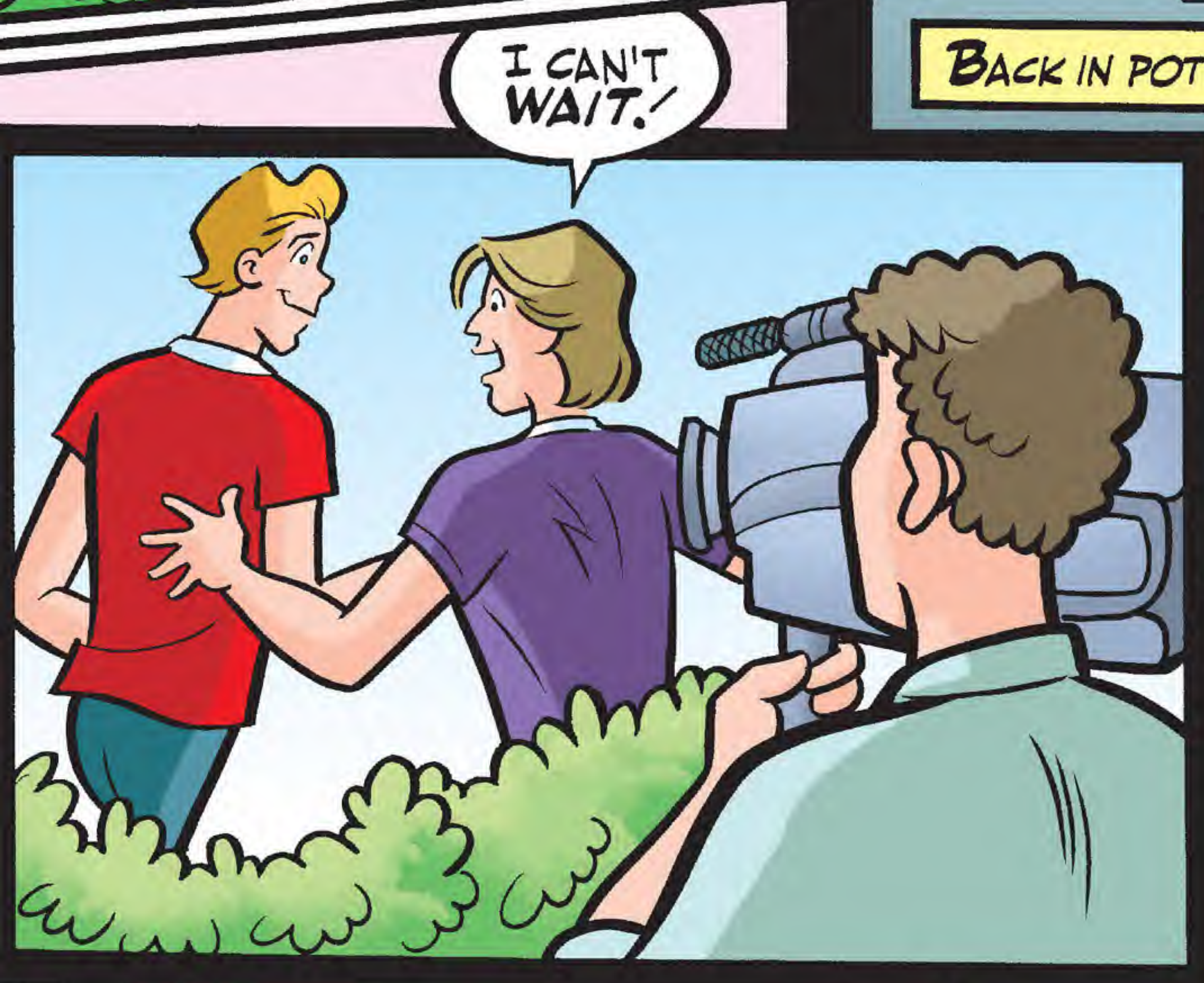
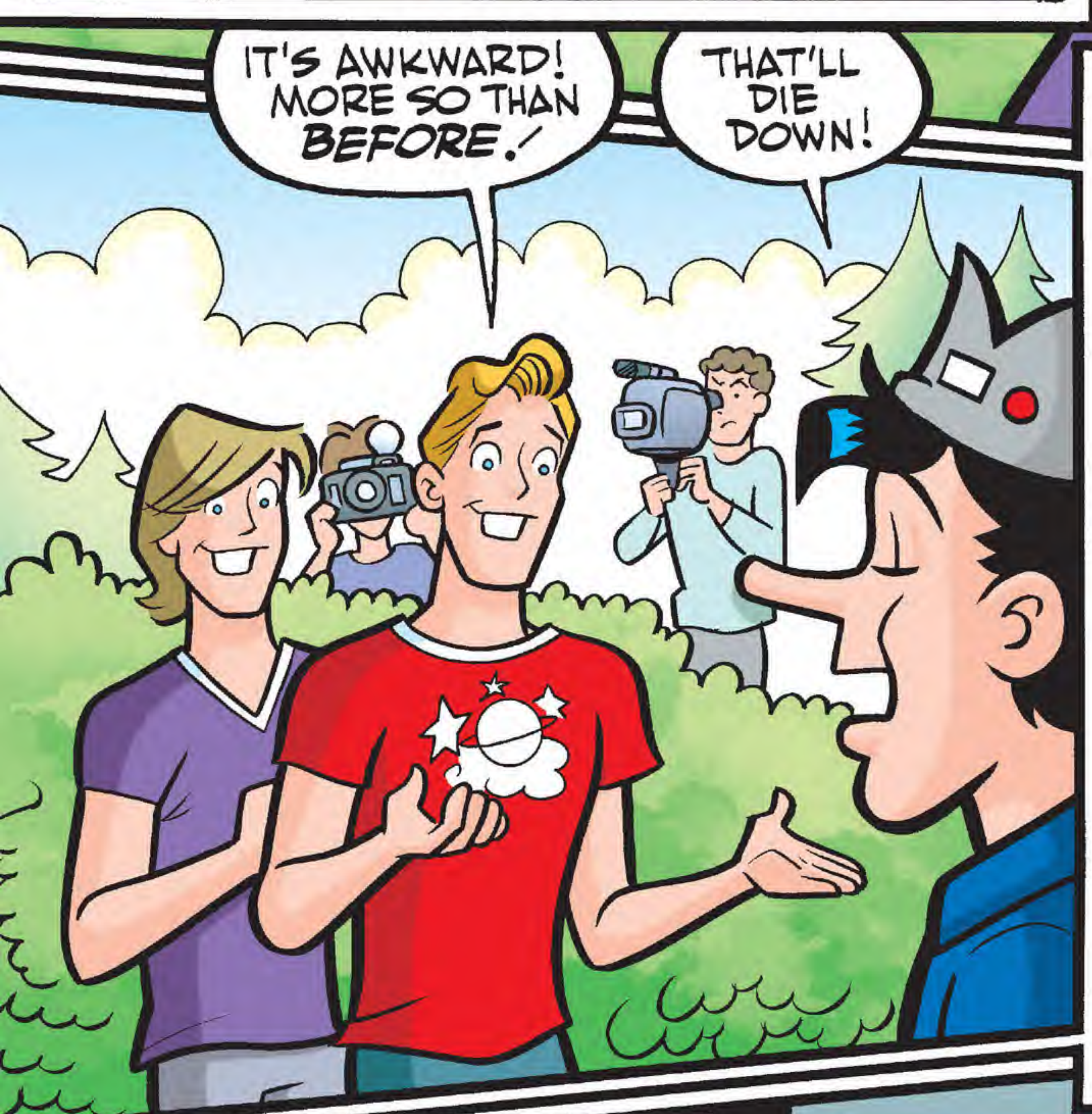
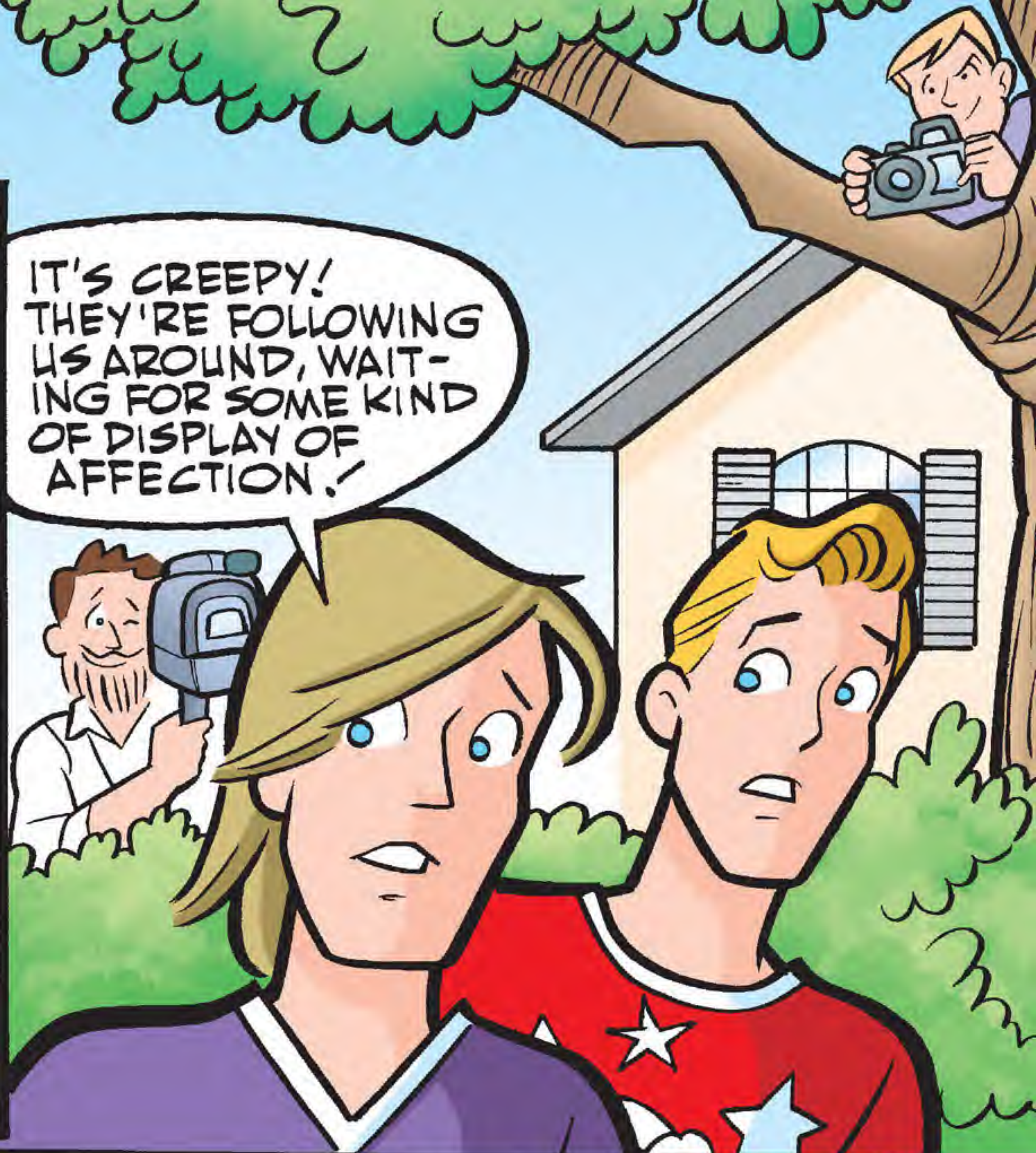
FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

MY BROTHER IS THE BEST BROTHER IN THE WORLD!

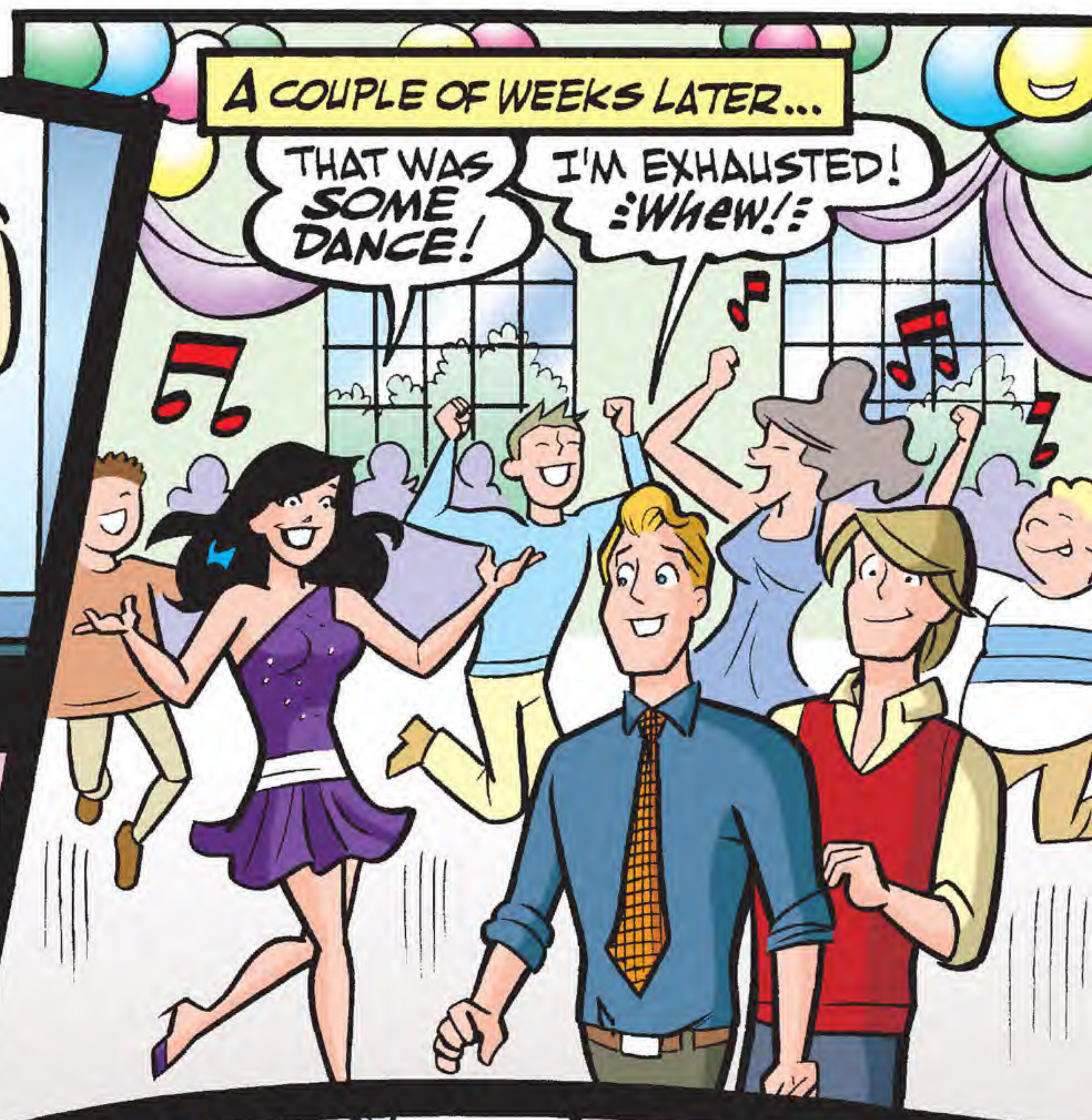
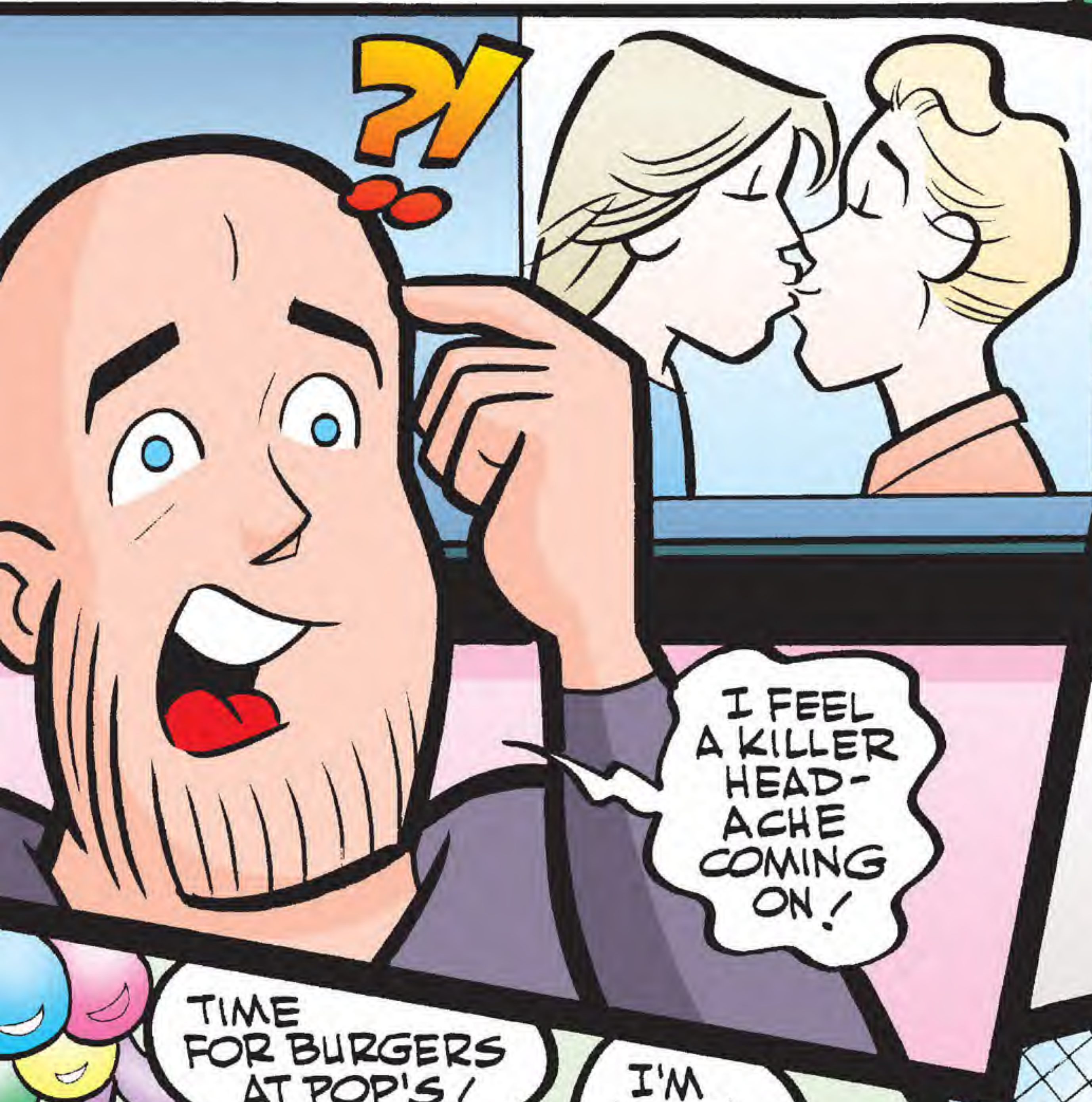
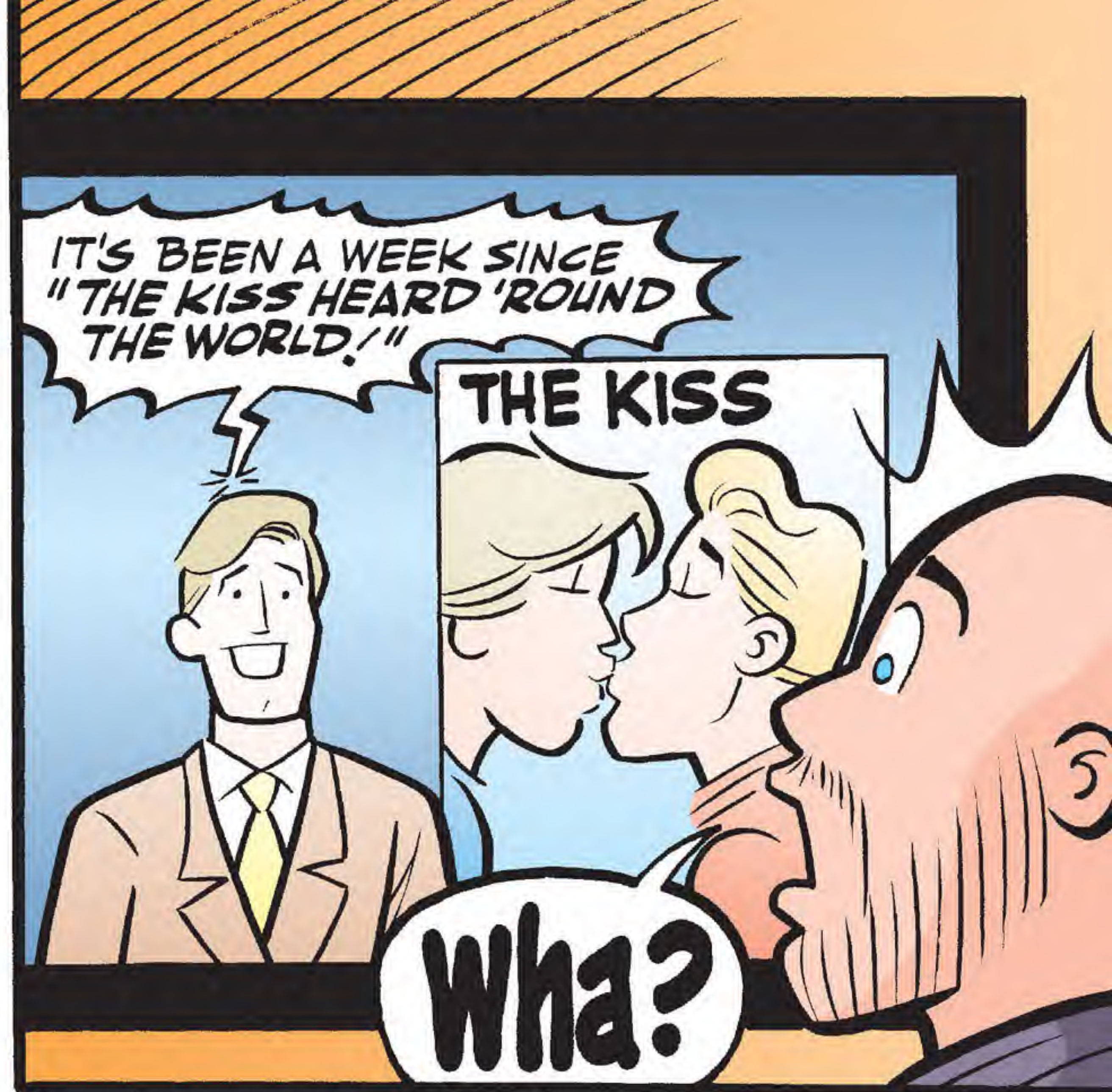
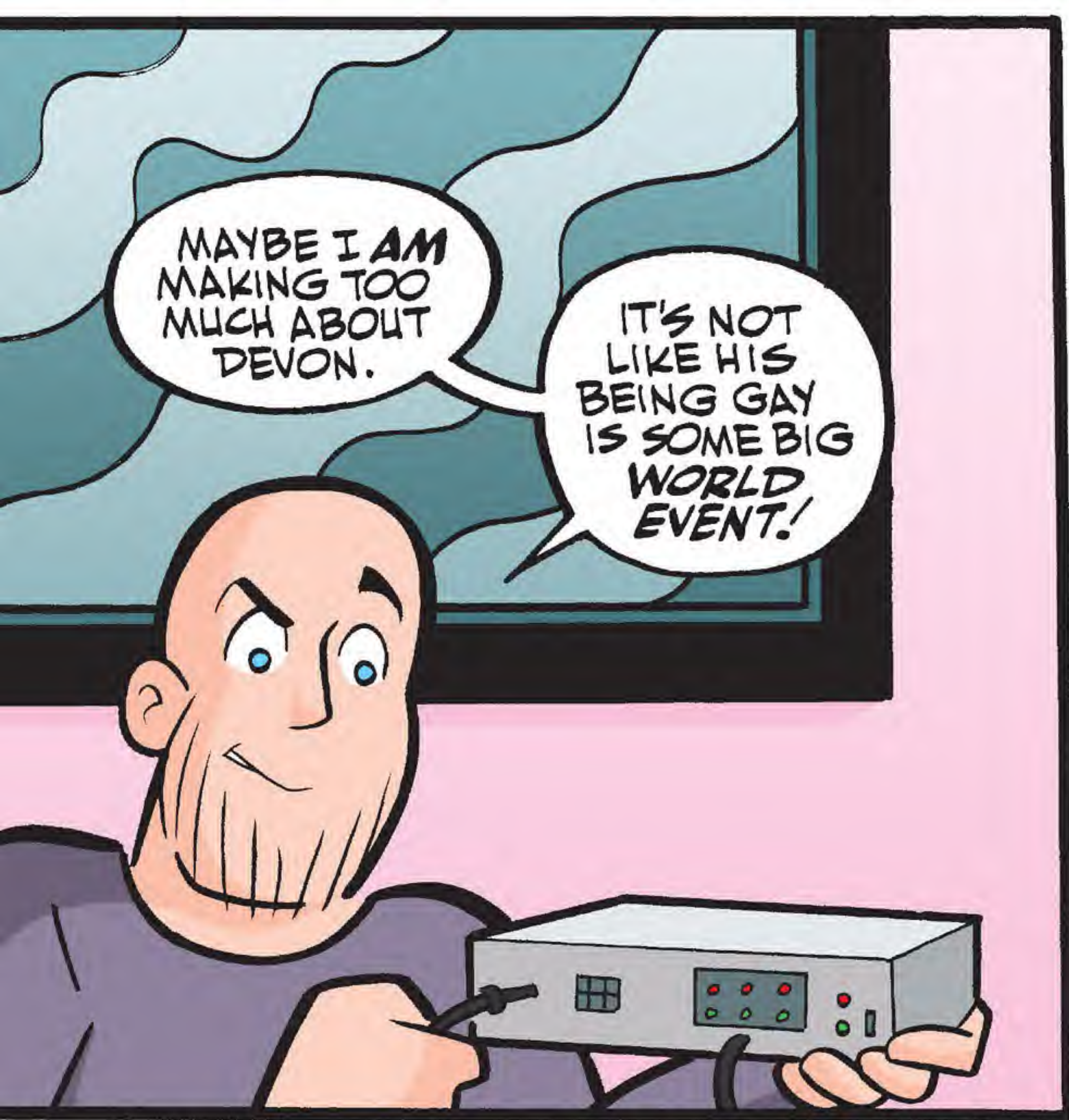










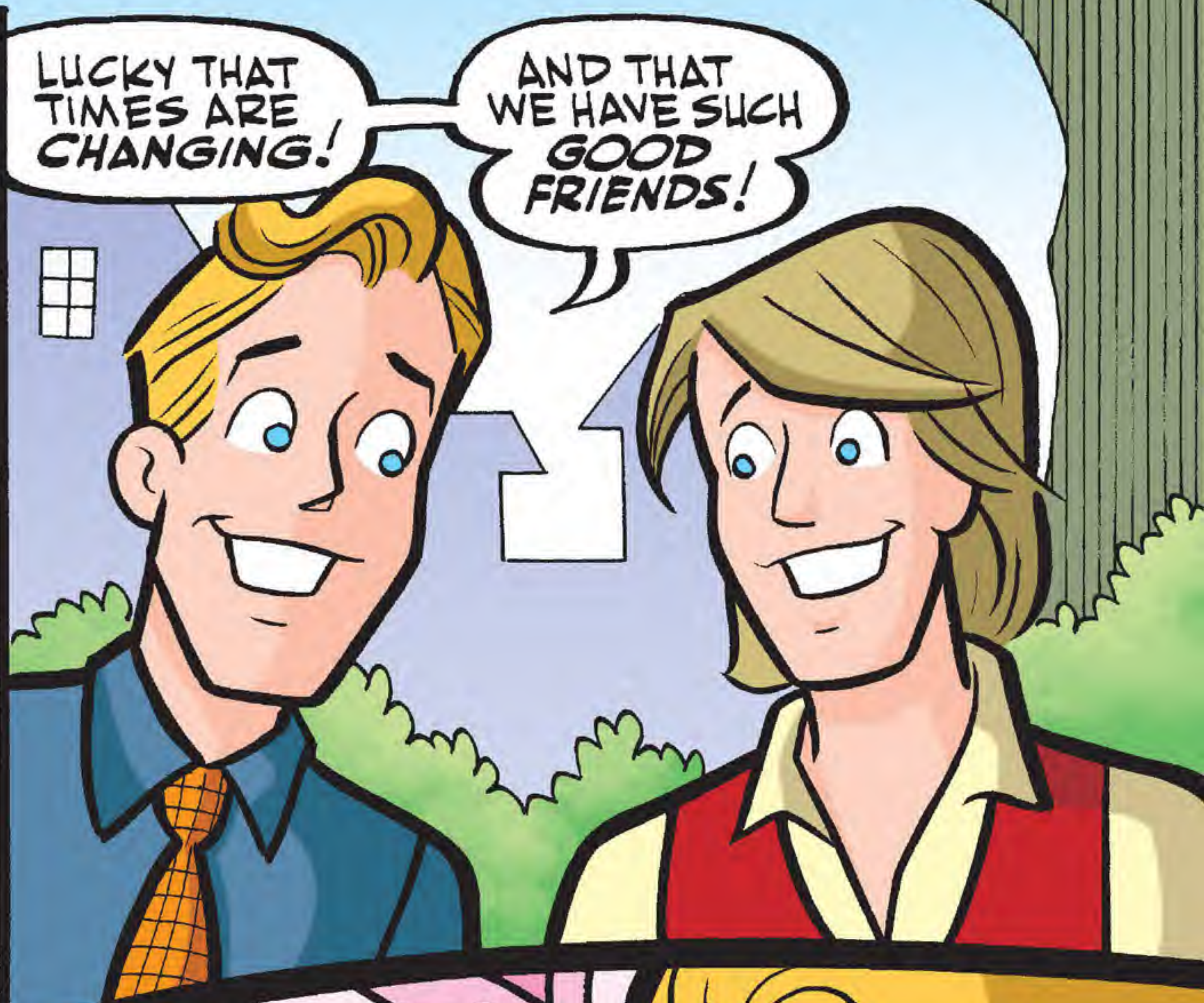






I GUESS WE'RE LUCKY!

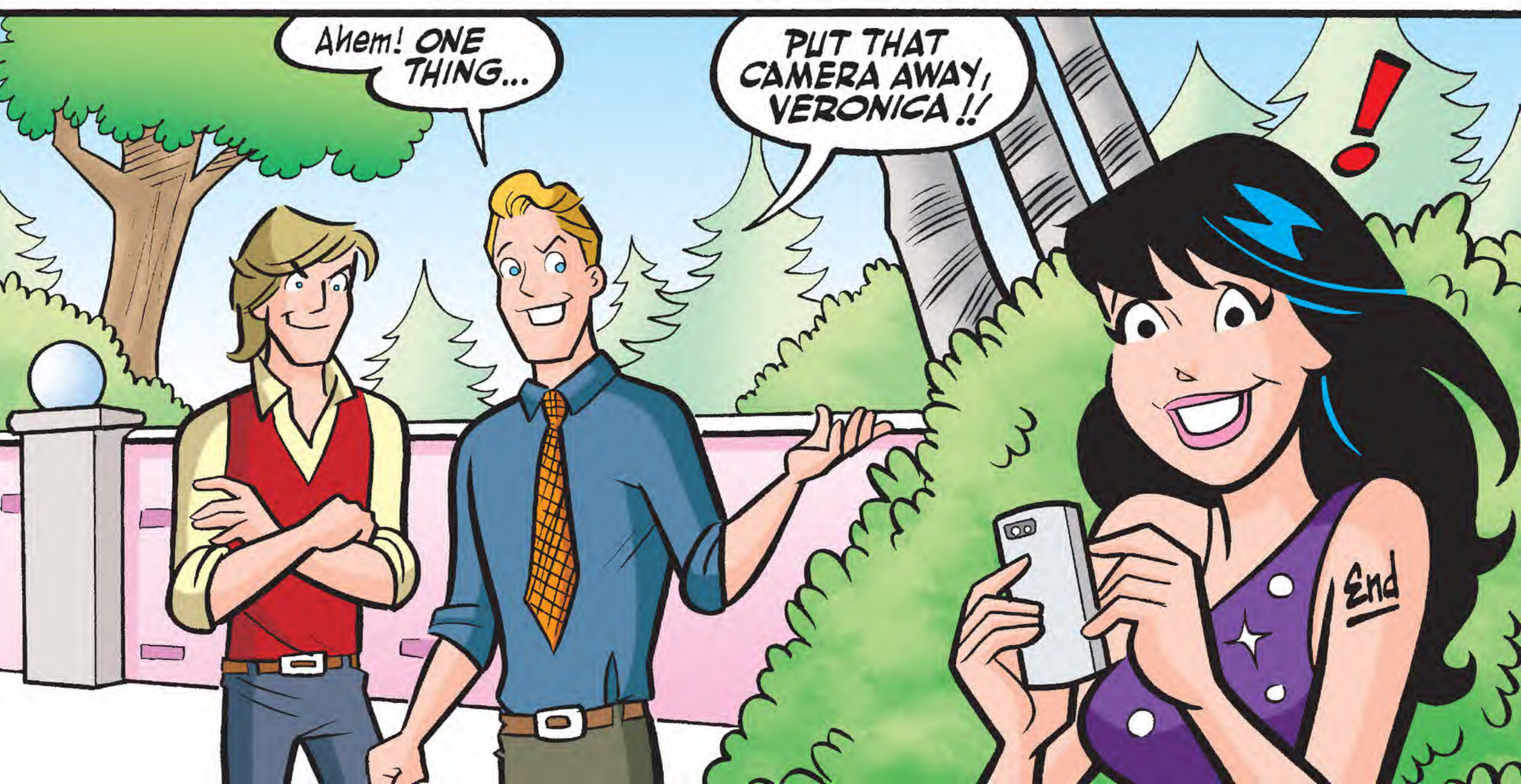
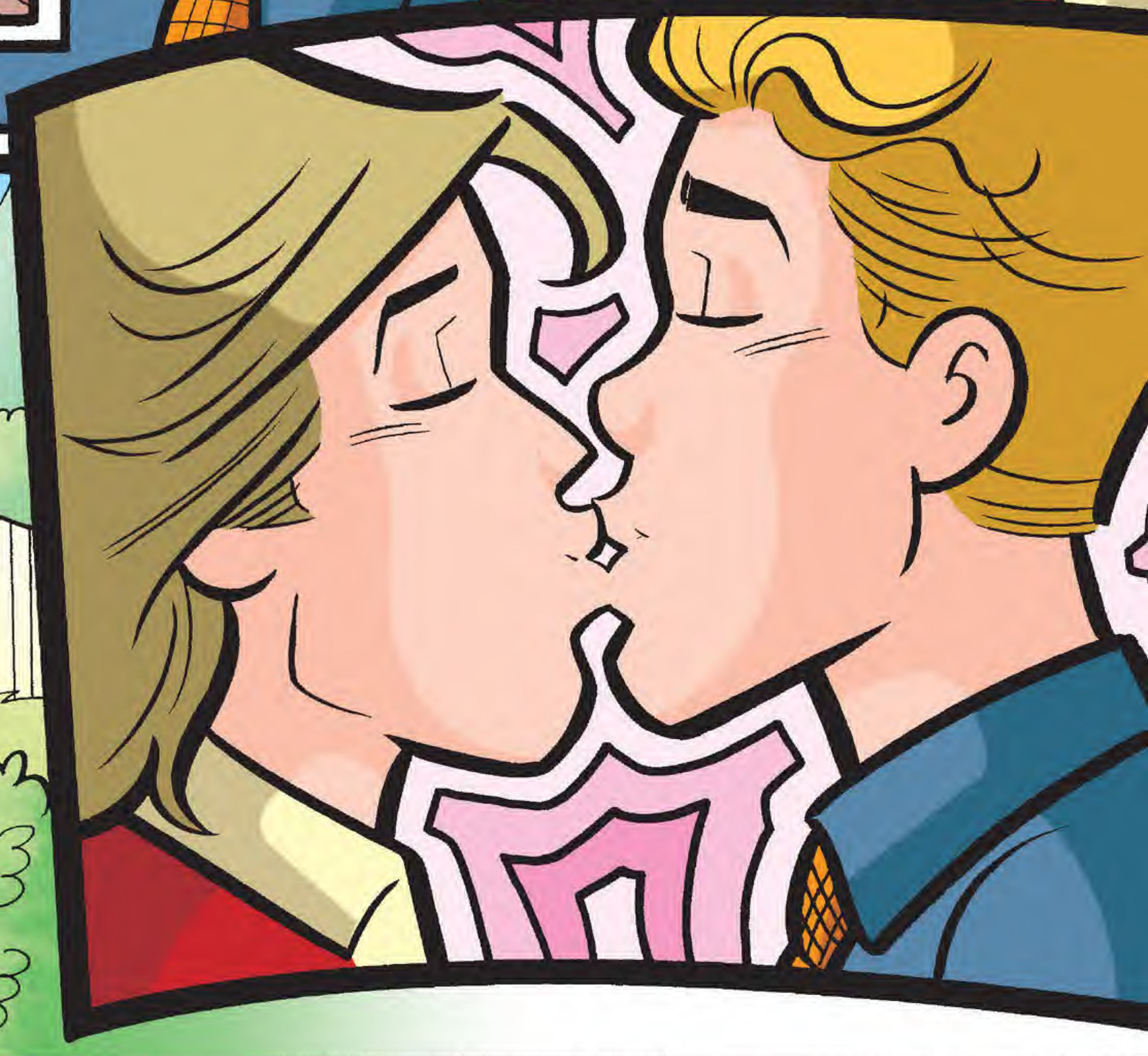
HOW SO?



LUCKY THAT TIMES ARE CHANGING!

AND THAT WE HAVE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS!

AND LUCKY THAT WE HAVE EACH OTHER!



Ahem! ONE THING...

PUT THAT CAMERA AWAY, VERONICA!!

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End



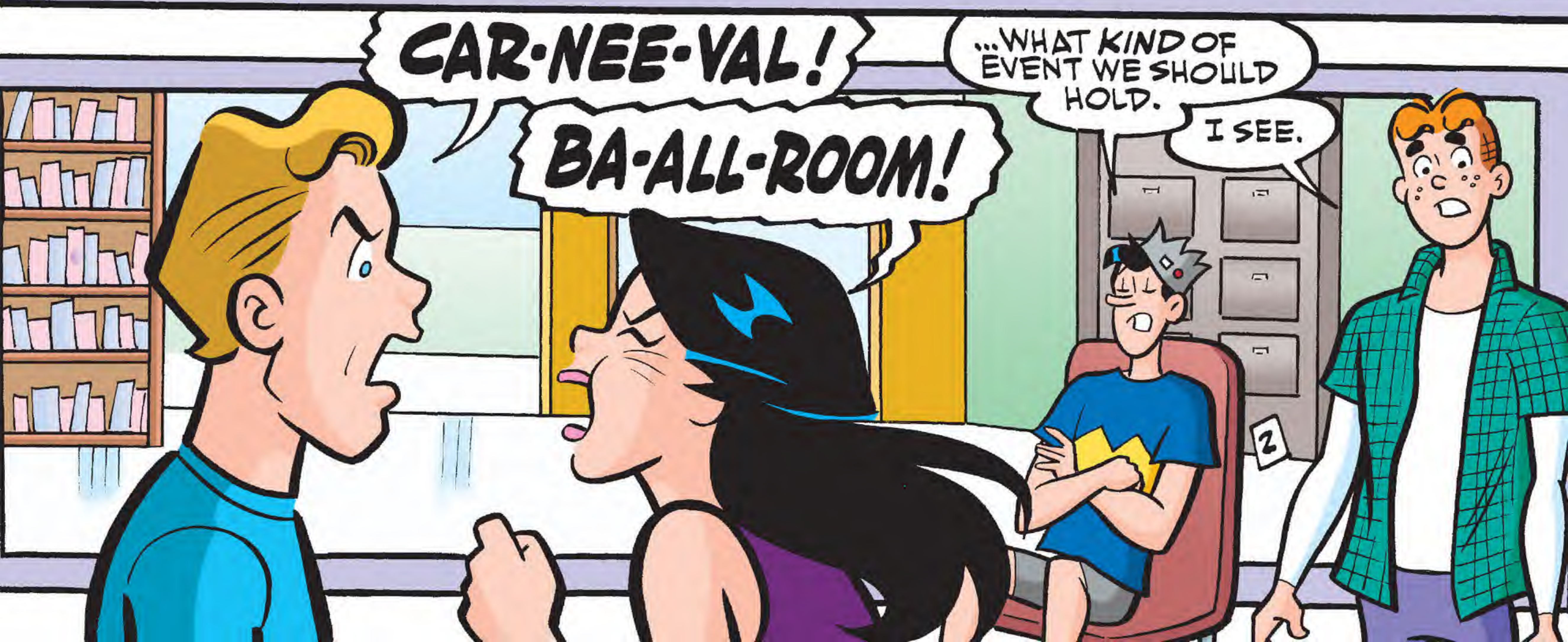
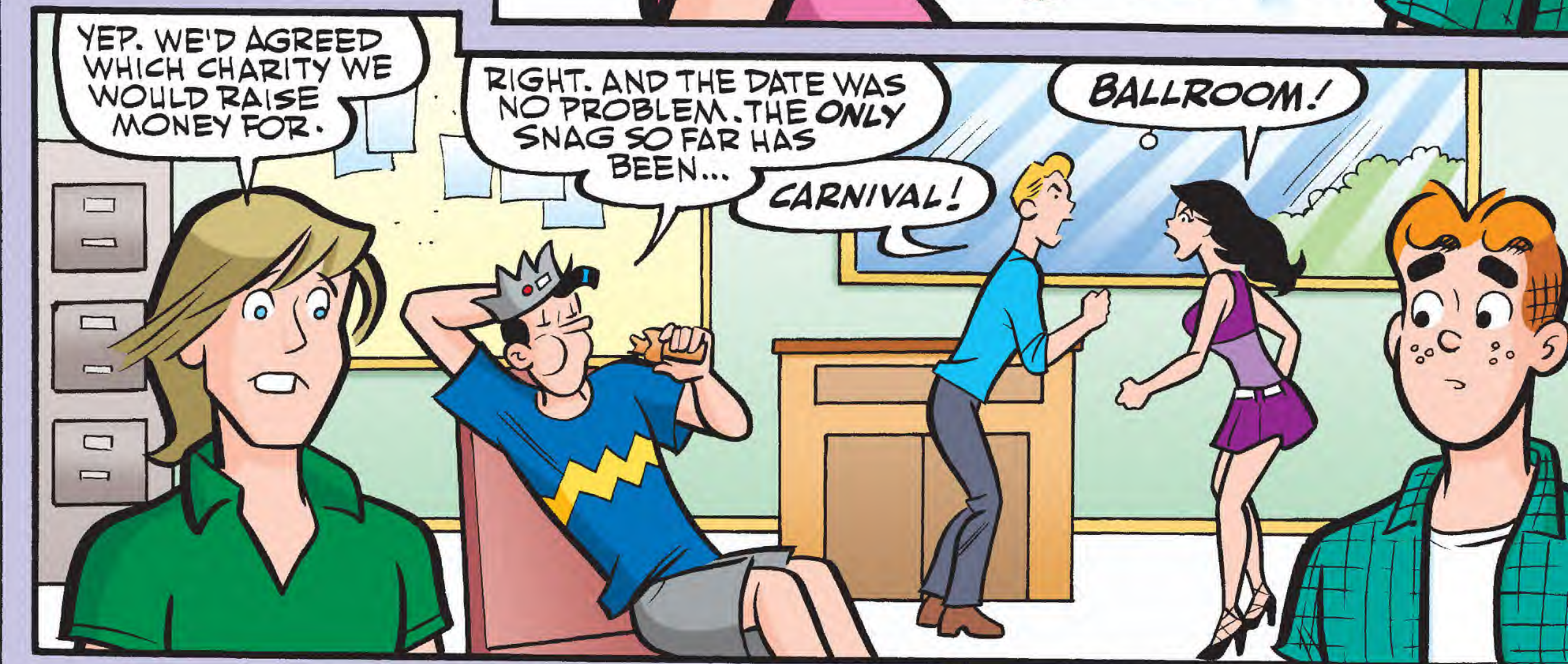
KEVIN  
KELLER  
IN:

CHARITY, SHMARITY!

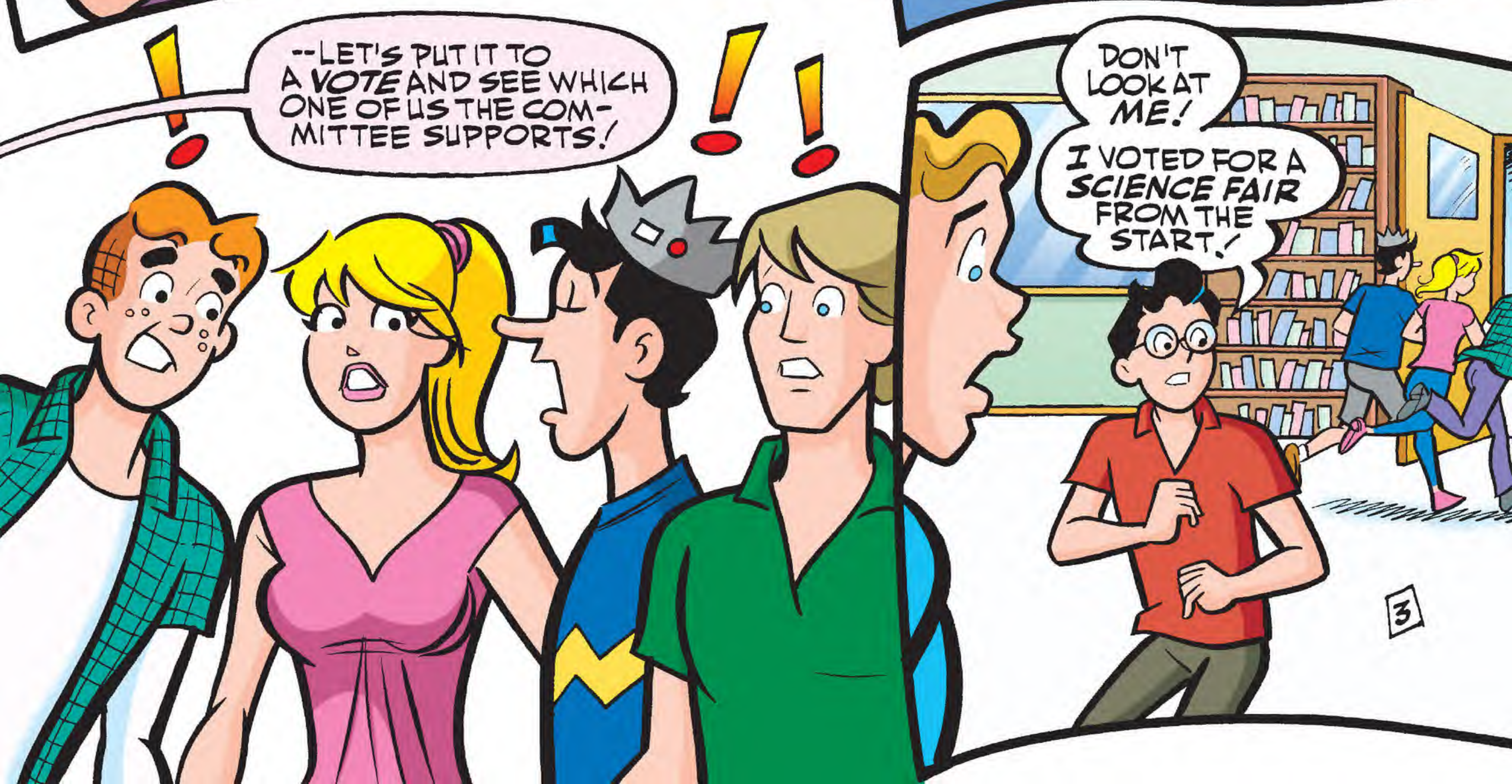
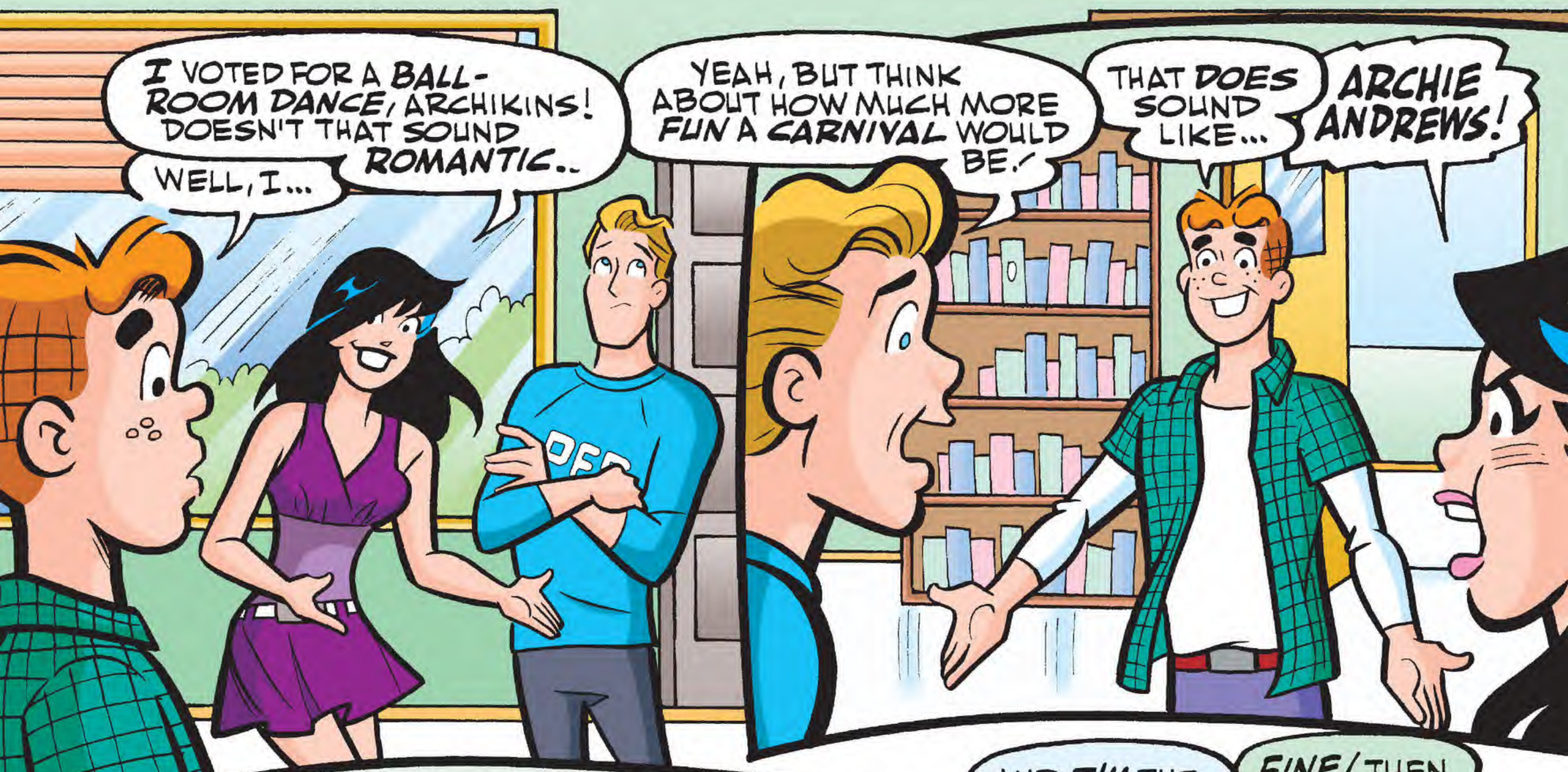


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WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

YOU SAID IT!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO THEM!

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN THEM FIGHT LIKE THAT!

DON'T WORRY, BETTY... MY BOY-FRIEND CAN BE STUBBORN...







DULL?! WHAT'S DULLER THAN A ROLLER COASTER AND COTTON CANDY?

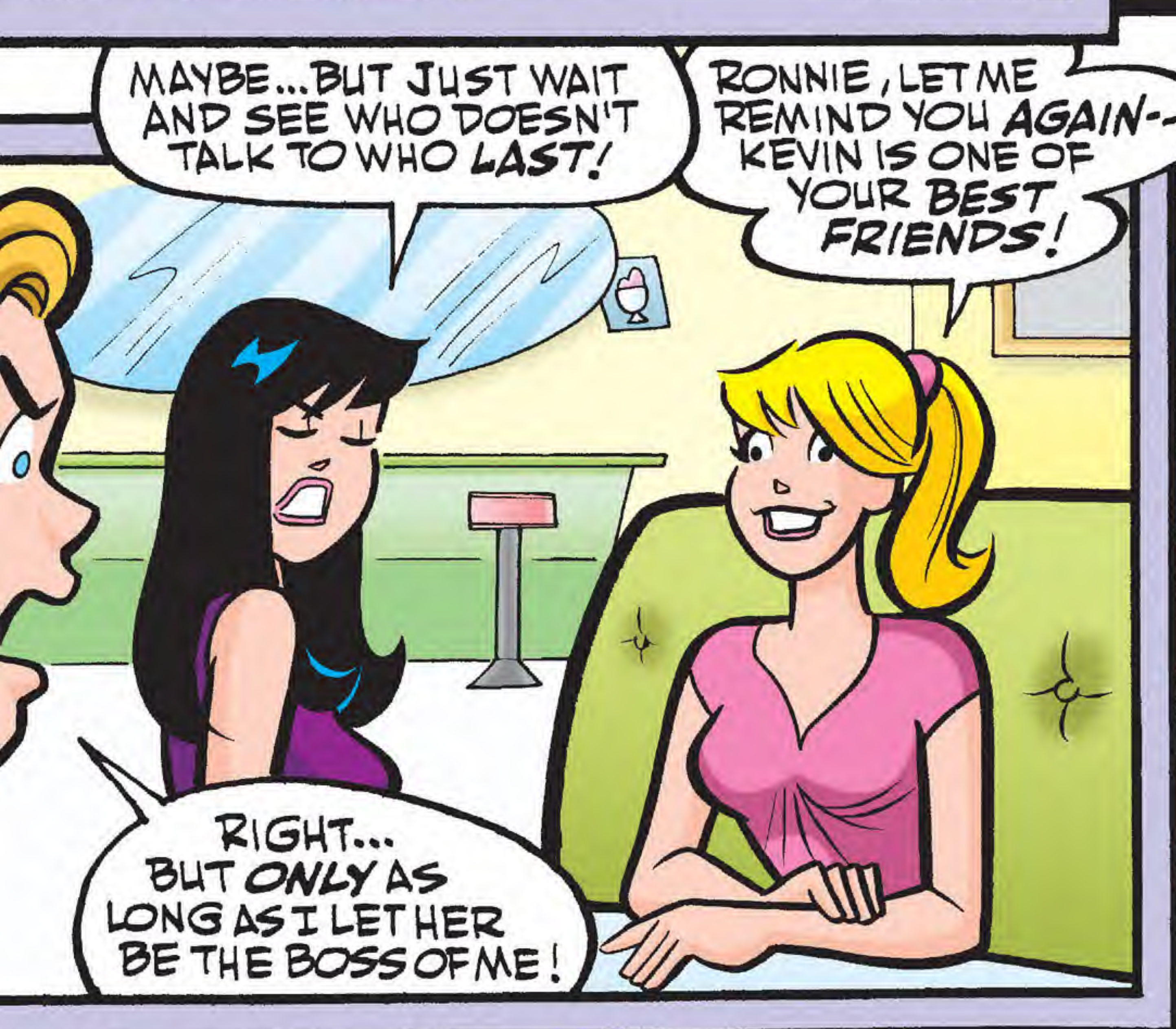
SNIFE-TEXTING?! REALLY--



--WHEN YOU'RE SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO EACH-OTHER?!

I TOLD YOU, BETTY, I'M NOT TALKING TO HIM!

I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, FIRST!



MAYBE...BUT JUST WAIT AND SEE WHO DOESN'T TALK TO WHO LAST!

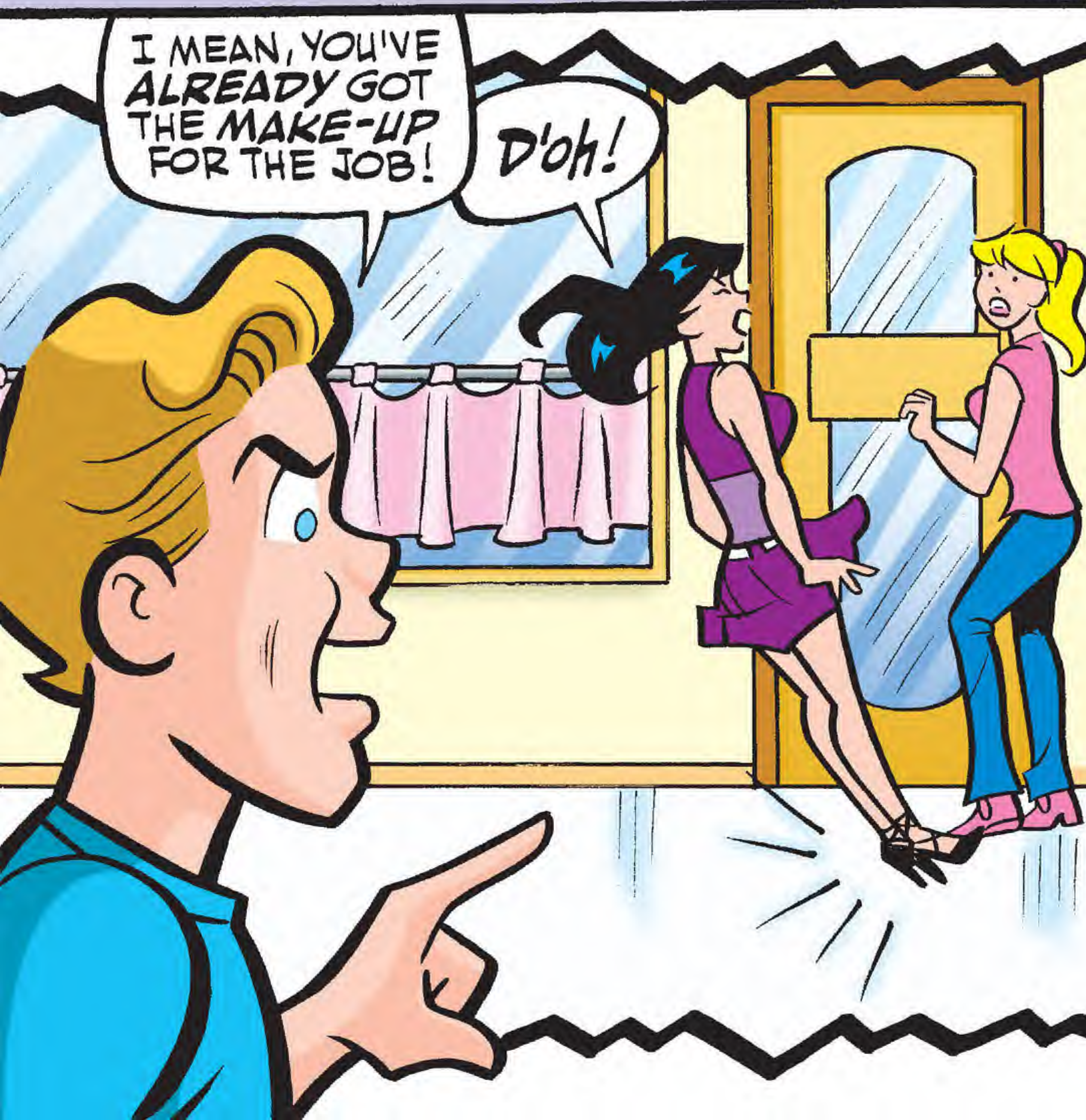
RONNIE, LET ME REMIND YOU AGAIN-- KEVIN IS ONE OF YOUR BEST FRIENDS!

RIGHT... BUT ONLY AS LONG AS I LET HER BE THE BOSS OF ME!



LET'S GO, BETTY! WE HAVE A LOT OF PLANNING TO DO... FOR THE BIG BALLROOM DANCE!

PLAN AWAY... BUT MAYBE I'LL LET YOU BE A CLOWN IN MY CARNIVAL!



I MEAN, YOU'VE ALREADY GOT THE MAKE-UP FOR THE JOB!

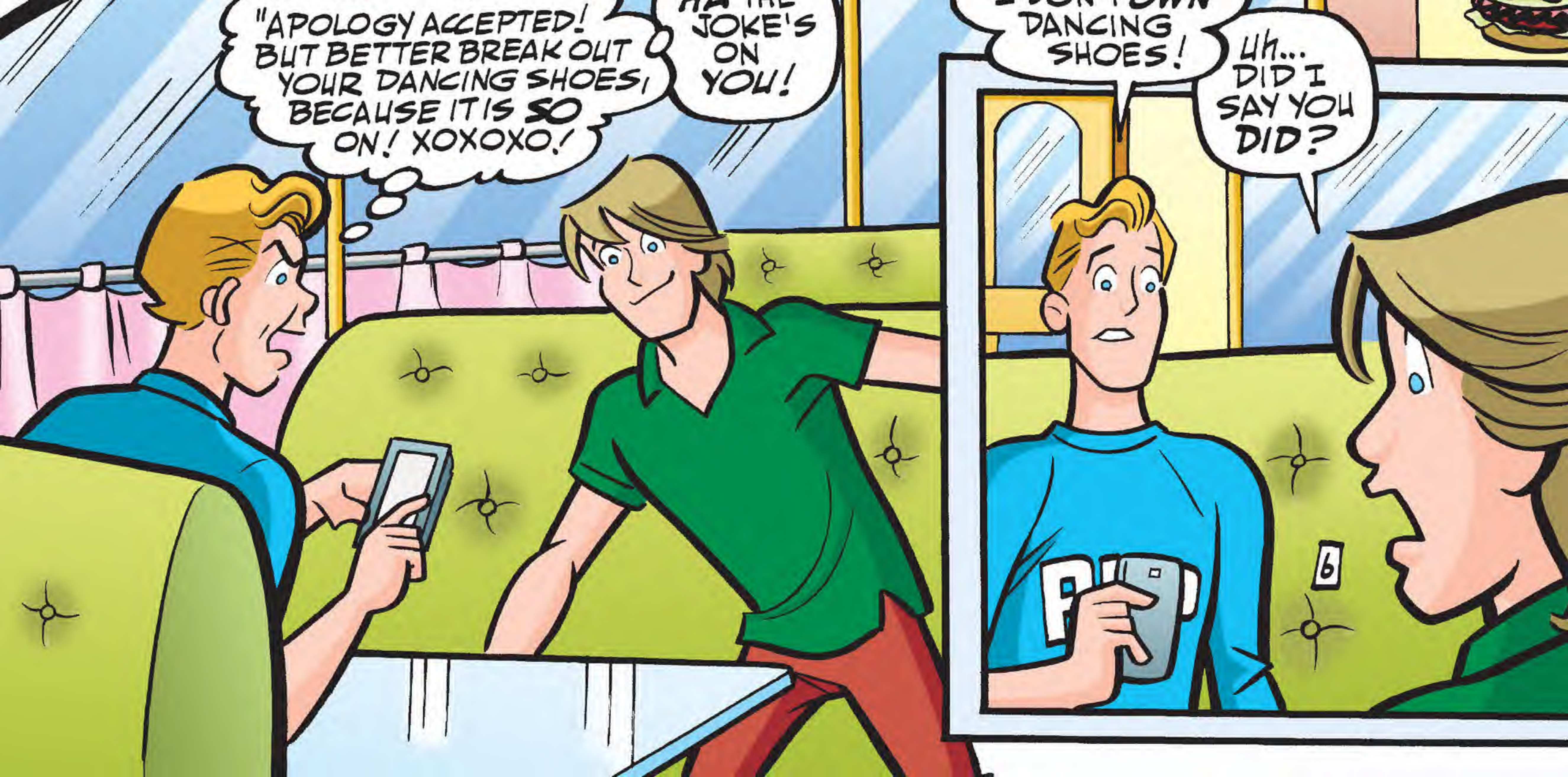
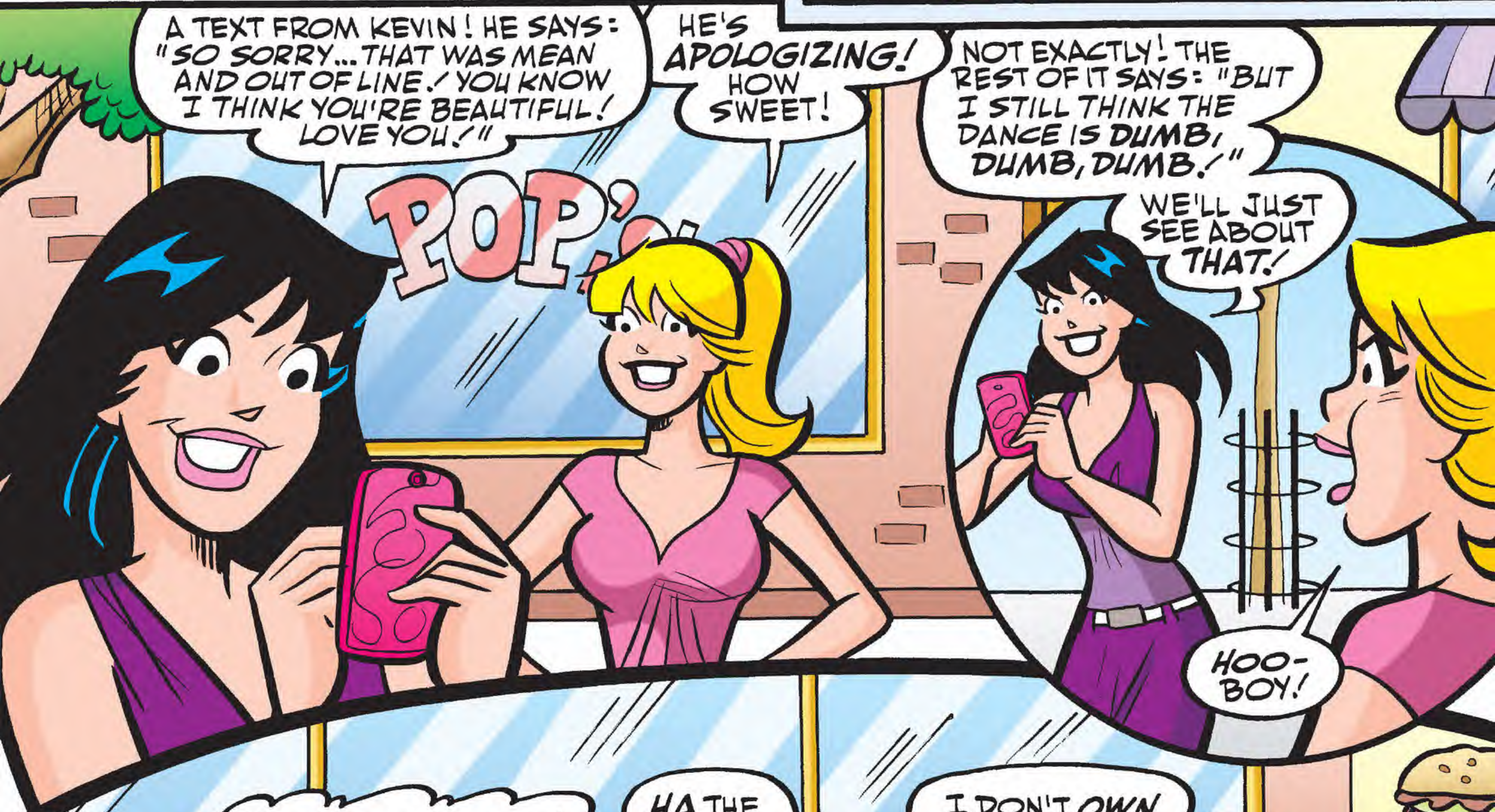
D'oh!



WHAT?! Y-YOU...I... MY MAKE-UP... SPUTTER!

SEE?! IT'S ALREADY GETTING NUTS! LET'S JUST GO!







SATURDAY MORNING...

WE NEED TO PROMOTE THE CARNIVAL AND...

...SELL LOTS OF TICKETS TODAY!

THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA, KEVIN!

THANKS! I FIGURE THAT THE COMMITTEE'S GOT TO VOTE FOR US ONCE WE SELL ADVANCE TICKETS!

RIGHT! AND SINCE TEAM CARNIVAL'S THE ONLY SIDE SELLING ADVANCE TICKETS...

KEVIN KELLER PRESENTS the RIVERDALE HIGH ANNUAL  
**CHARITY CARNIVAL**

...HOW CAN WE LOSE?

WOW! EVERYBODY HAS DONE AN AMAZING JOB!





YEAH, I'D SAY  
WE PRETTY  
MUCH OWN  
THIS  
CONTEST!

THE HARDEST  
PART WAS GETTING  
EVERYBODY TO  
KEEP IT A  
**SECRET--**

--SO VERONICA  
WOULD HEAR  
ABOUT IT AND  
STEAL OUR  
IDEA!

IT'S A SHAME... BUT  
YOU KNOW HOW  
**COMPETITIVE** SHE  
CAN... huh? DO YOU  
GUYS HEAR MUSIC?

IT  
SOUNDS  
LIKE--

--**BALLROOM  
DANCING  
MUSIC!**

HELLO, ALL!

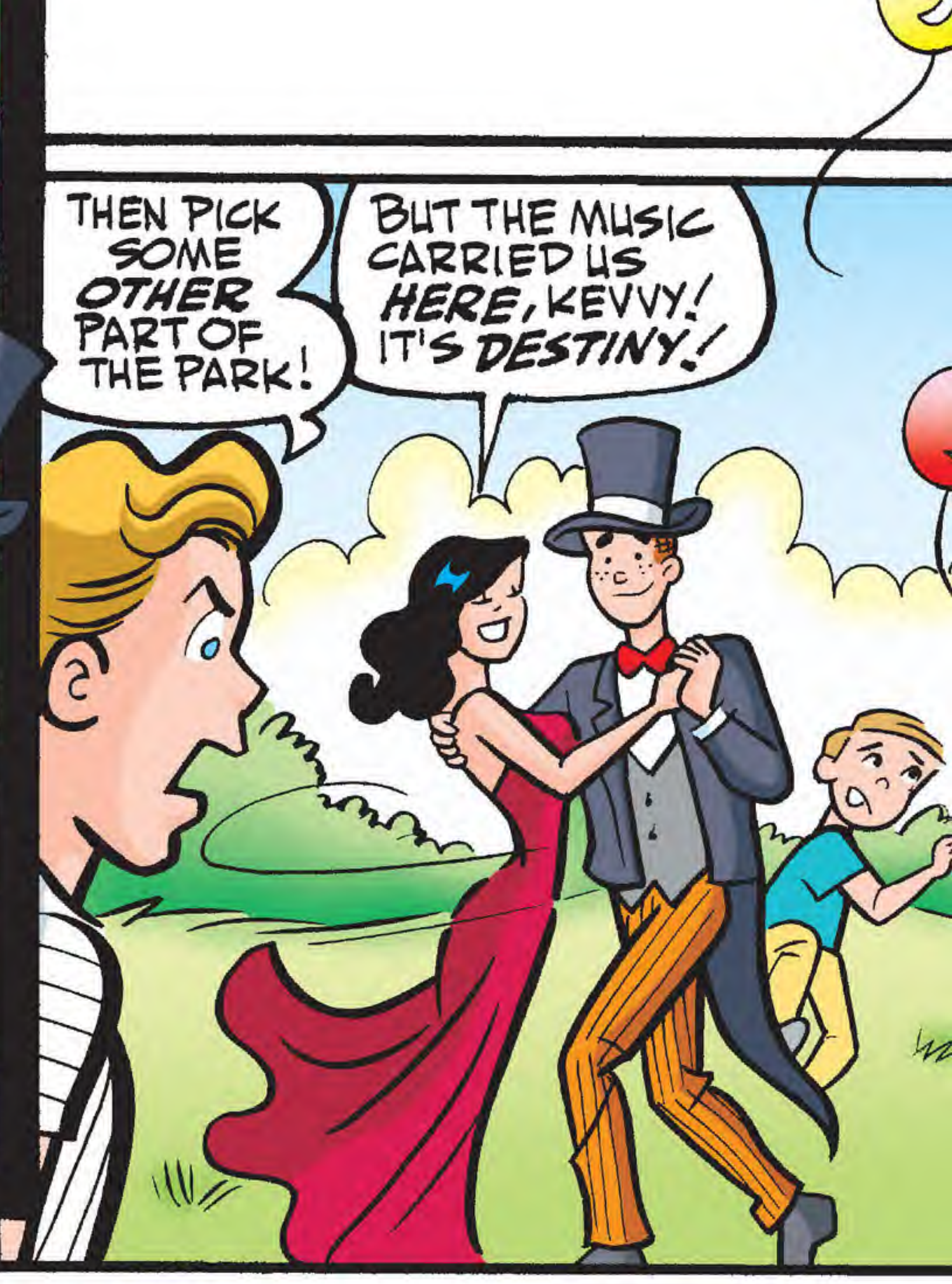
DOES ANYONE  
MIND IF WE  
**CUT IN?**





STOP THE MUSIC!  
STOP THE MUSIC!  
WE WERE HERE  
FIRST!

IT'S A PUBLIC  
PARK, DARLING!  
AND WE ARE THE  
PUBLIC JUST  
LIKE YOU!



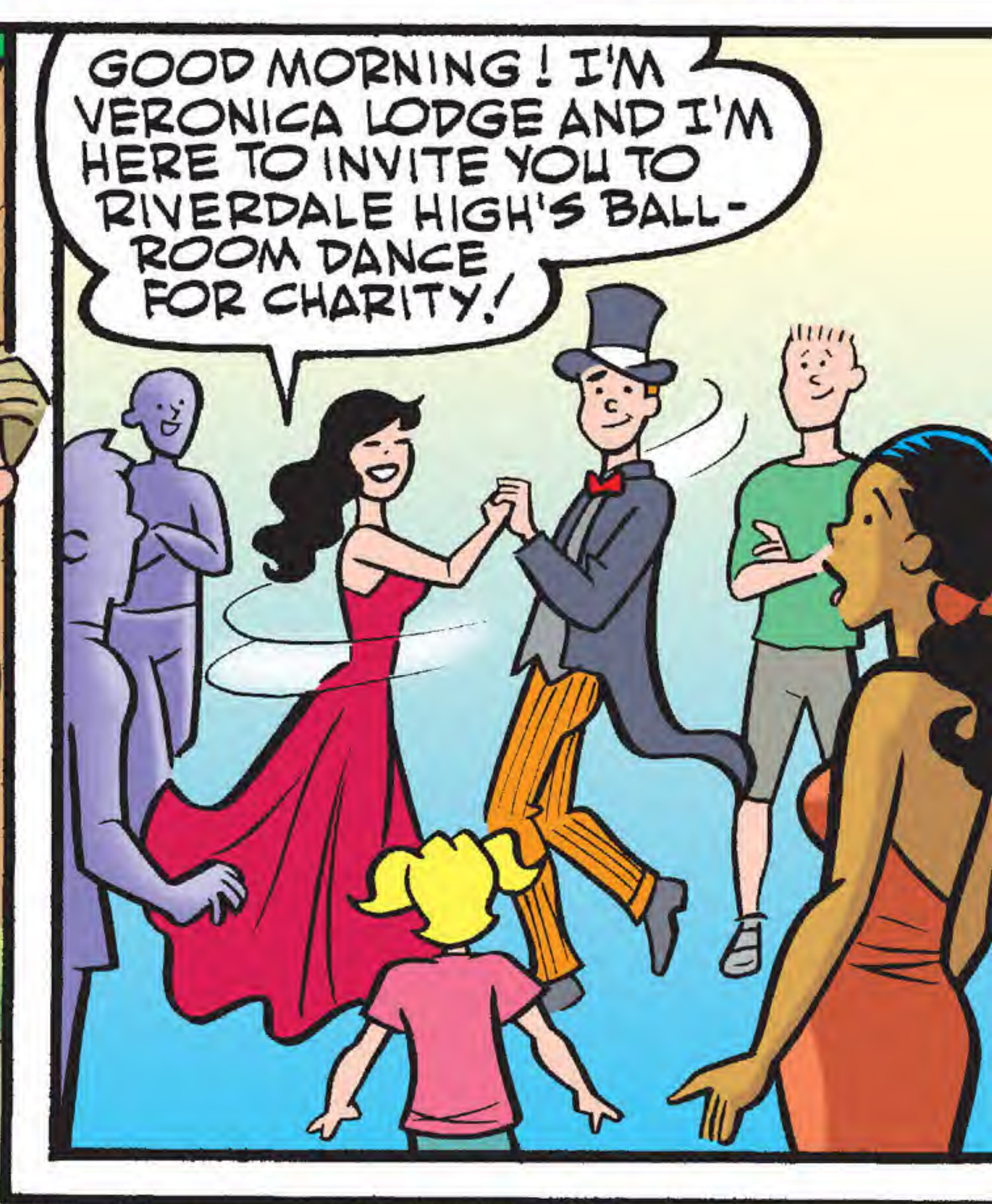
THEN PICK  
SOME  
OTHER  
PART OF  
THE PARK!

BUT THE MUSIC  
CARRIED US  
HERE, KEVVY!  
IT'S DESTINY!



CAN'T YOU TALK  
SOME SENSE  
INTO HER,  
ARCHIE?

SORRY, DUDE!  
SHE'S  
LEADING!



GOOD MORNING! I'M  
VERONICA LODGE AND I'M  
HERE TO INVITE YOU TO  
RIVERDALE HIGH'S BALL-  
ROOM DANCE  
FOR CHARITY!



PAY NO ATTENTION  
TO THE DANCER BEHIND  
THE BANNER!! IT'S NOT  
A DANCE-- IT'S A CARNIVAL!!

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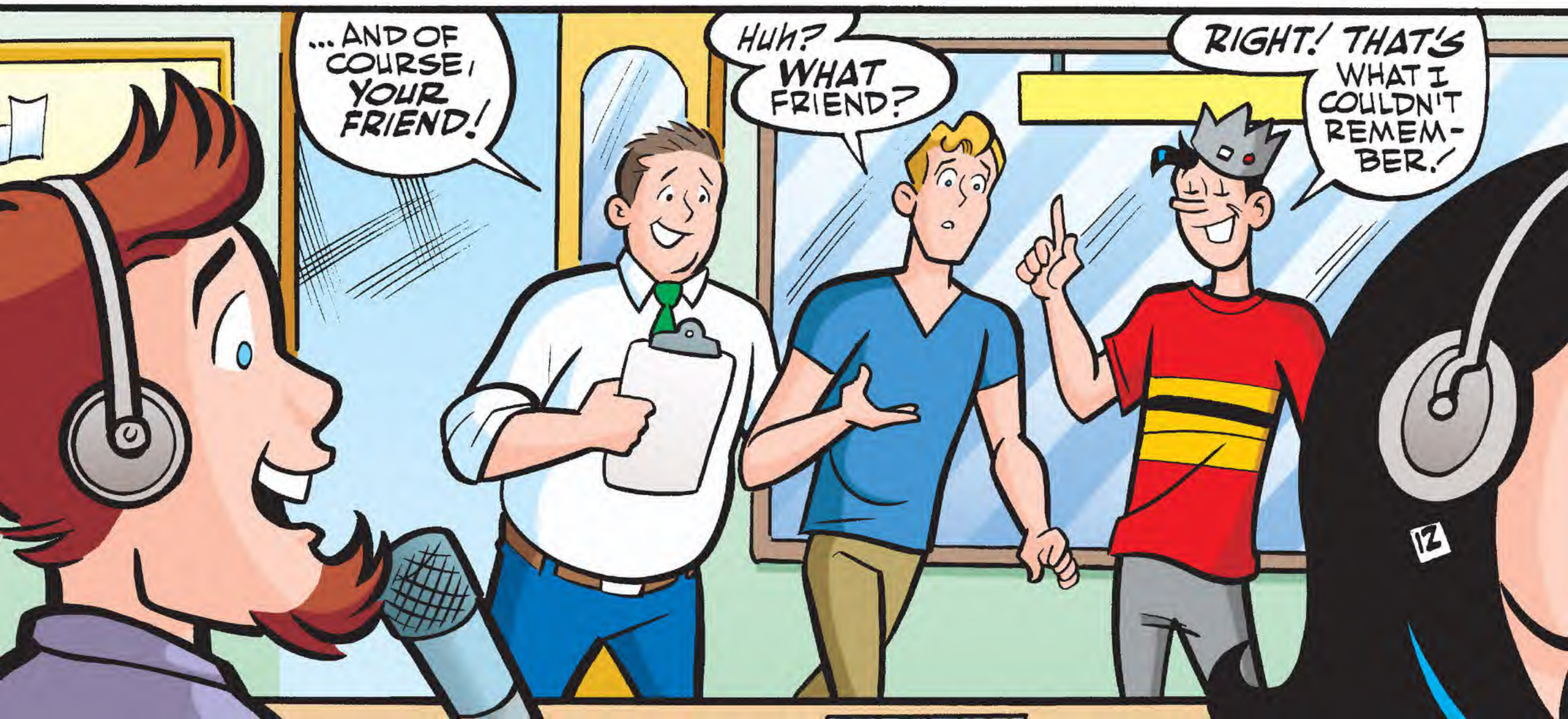
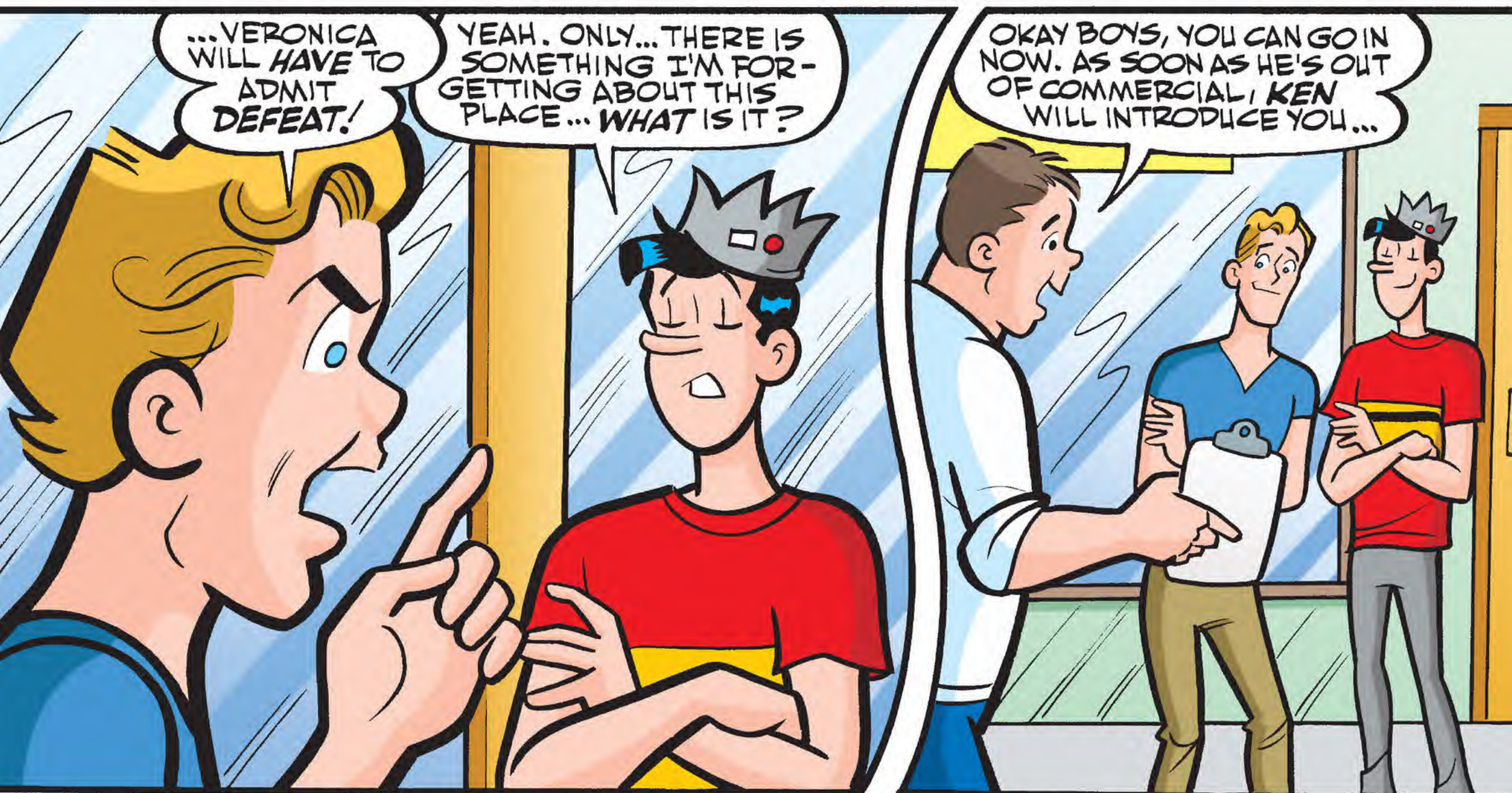
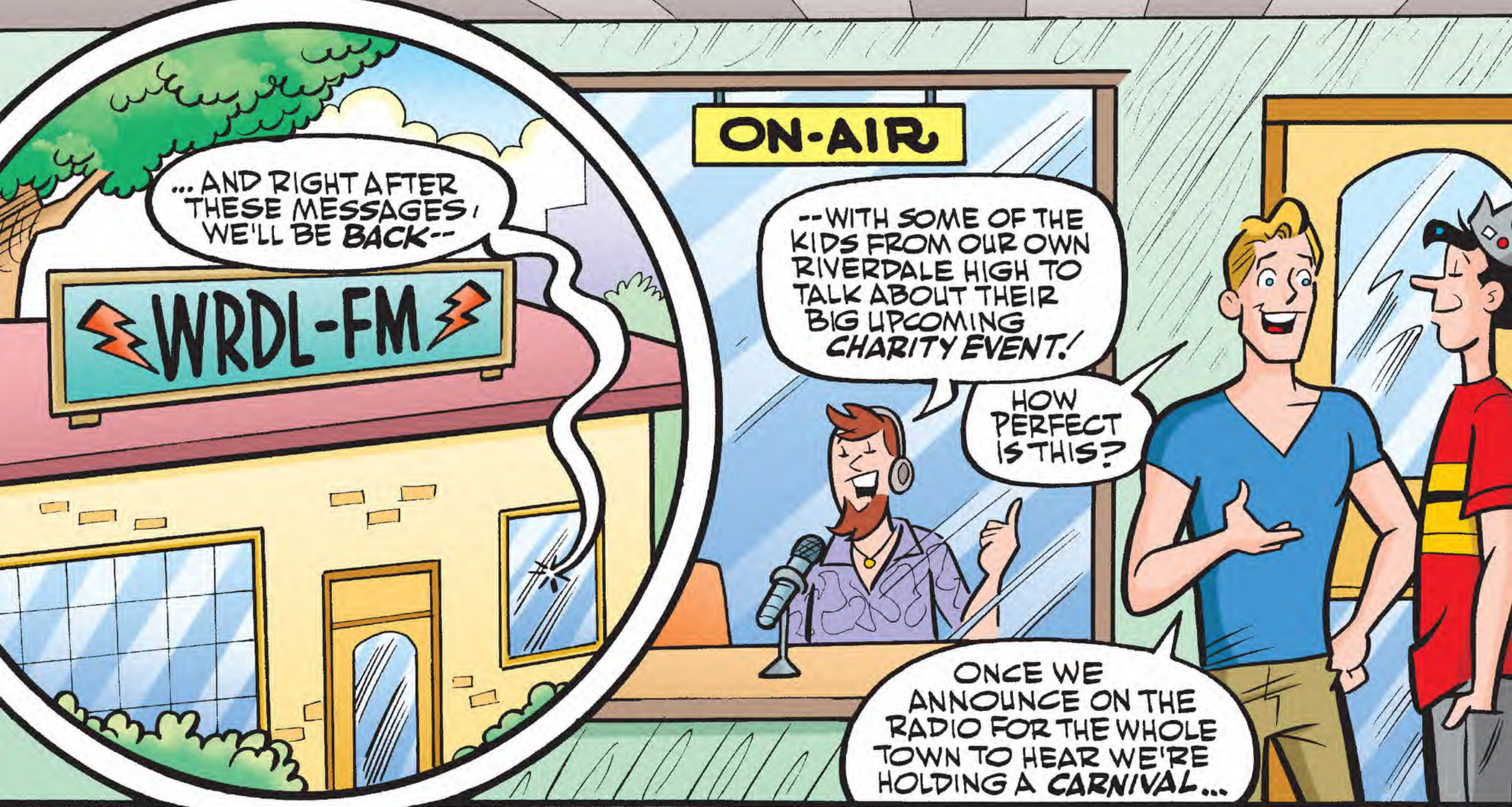




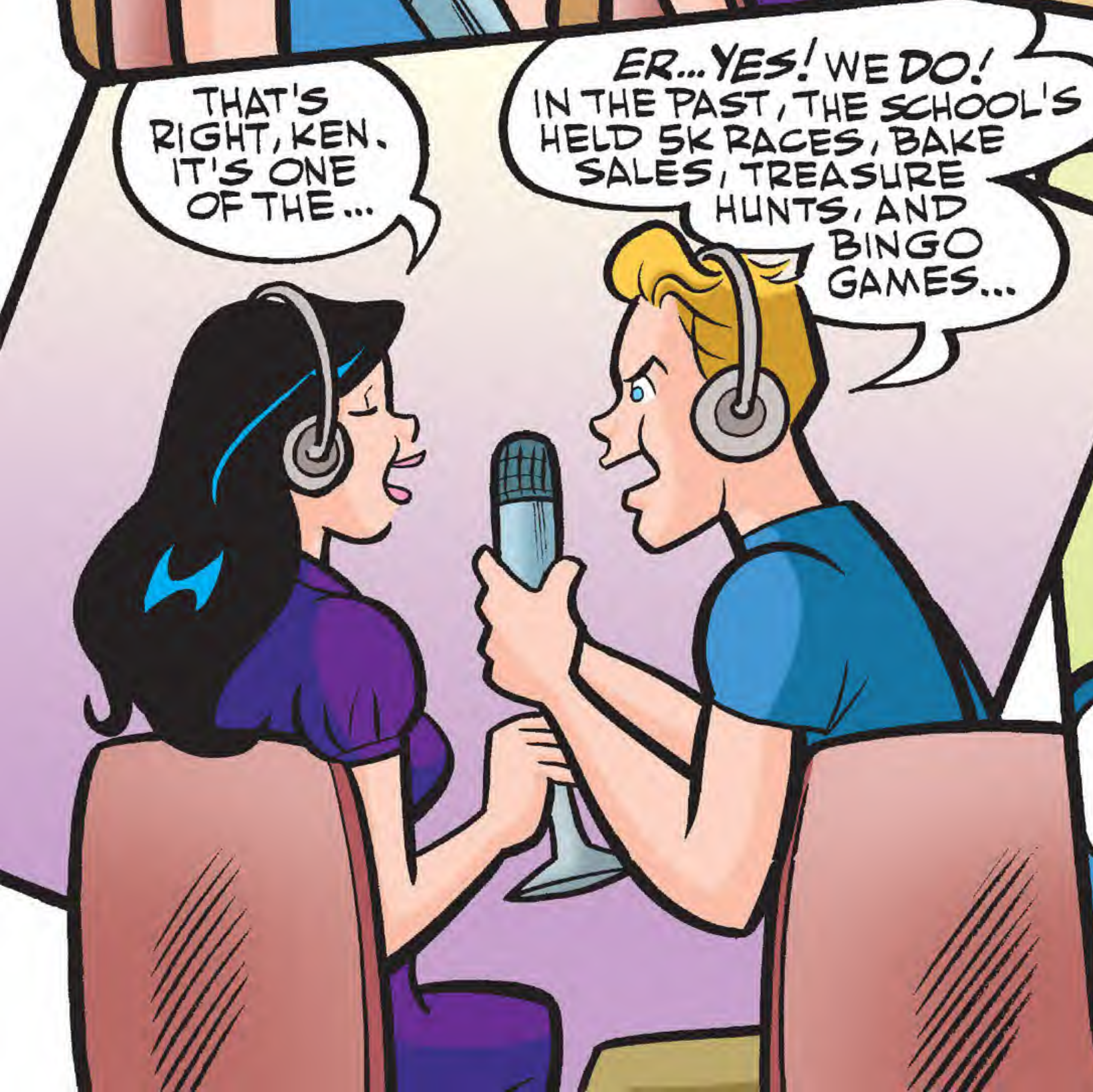








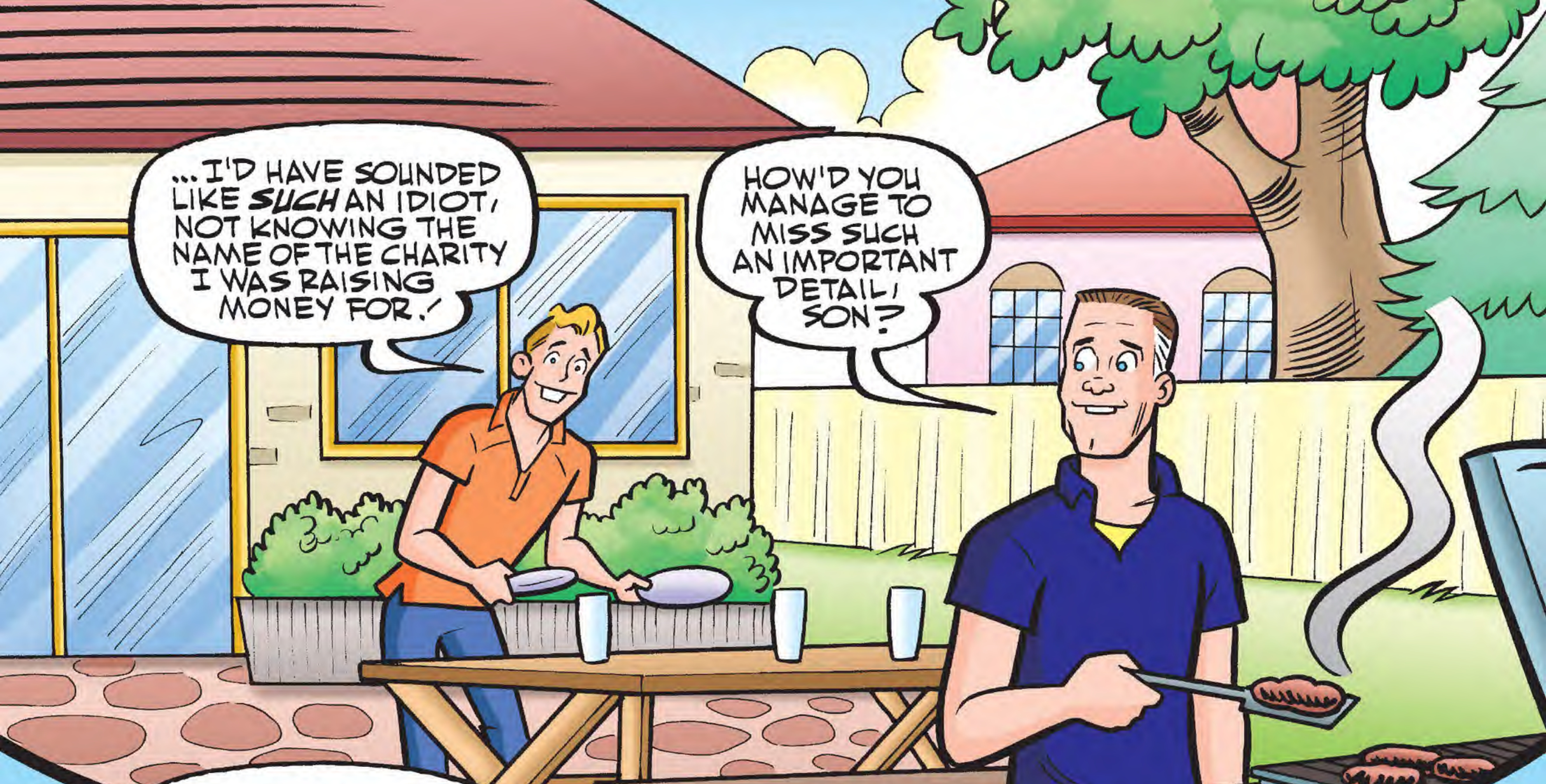






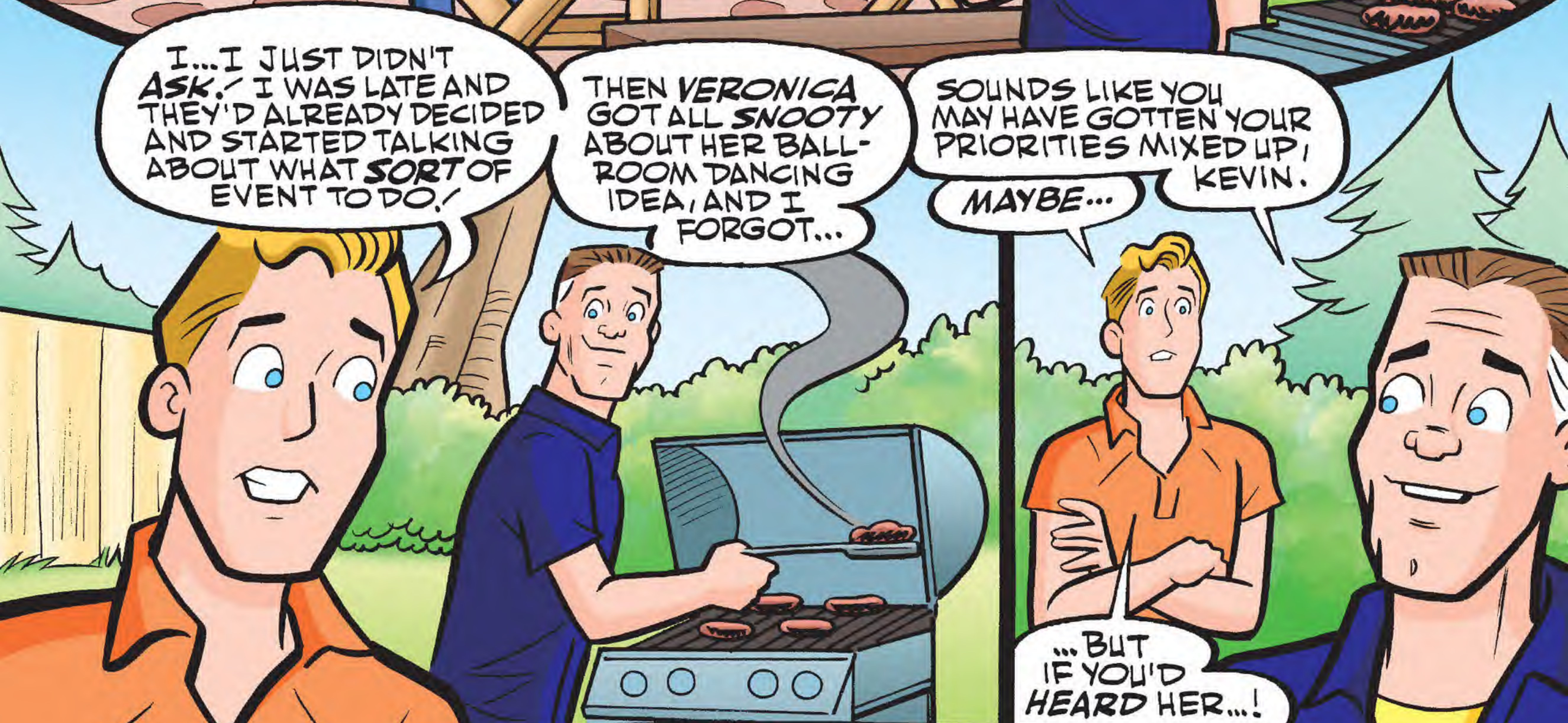






...I'D HAVE SOUNDED LIKE **SUCH** AN IDIOT, NOT KNOWING THE NAME OF THE CHARITY I WAS RAISING MONEY FOR.

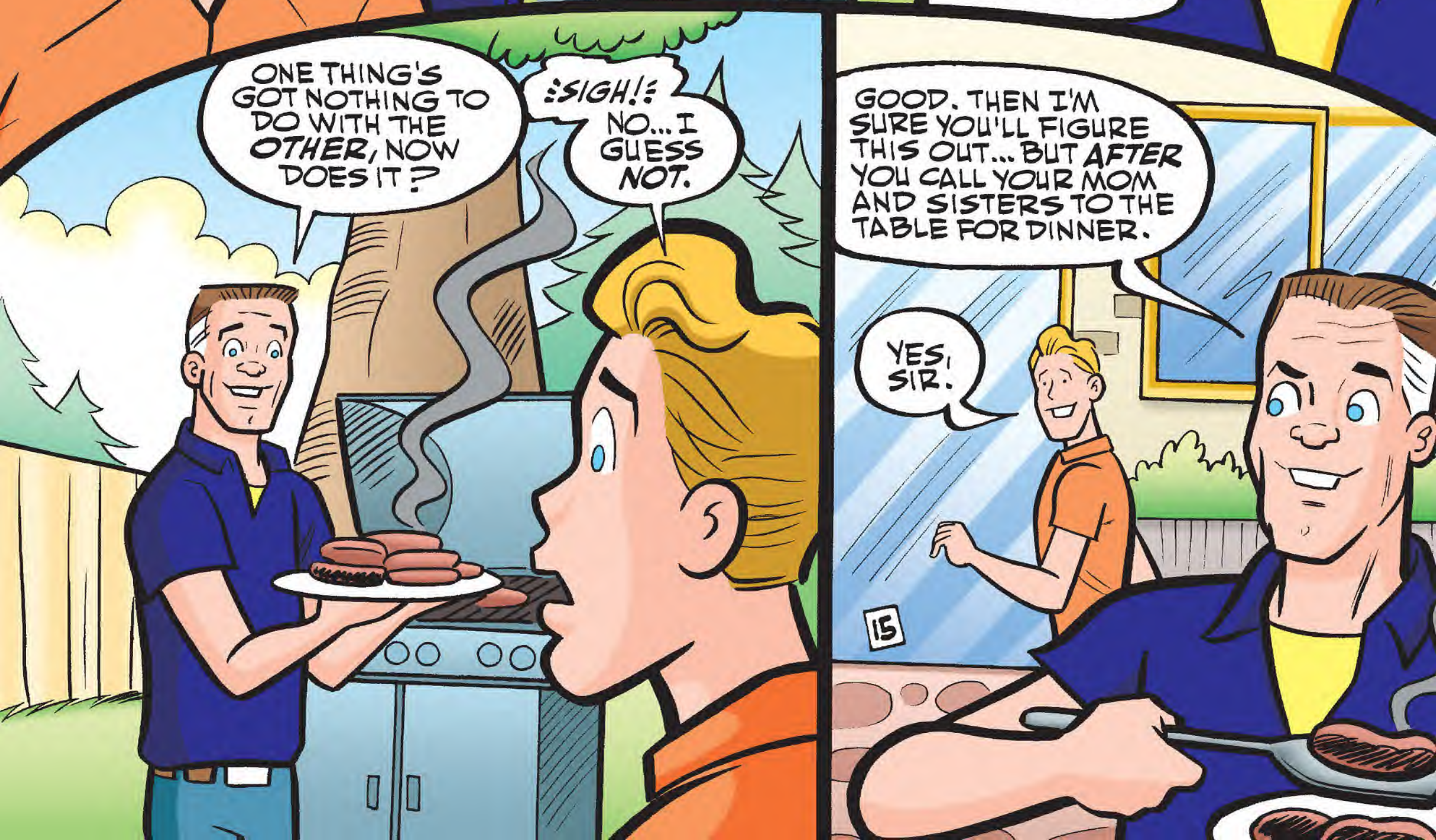
HOW'D YOU MANAGE TO MISS SUCH AN IMPORTANT DETAIL, SON?



I...I JUST DIDN'T **ASK**. I WAS LATE AND THEY'D ALREADY DECIDED AND STARTED TALKING ABOUT WHAT **SORT** OF EVENT TO DO.

THEN **VERONICA** GOT ALL **SNOOTY** ABOUT HER BALL-ROOM DANCING IDEA, AND I FORGOT...

SOUNDS LIKE YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN YOUR PRIORITIES MIXED UP, KEVIN.  
**MAYBE...**



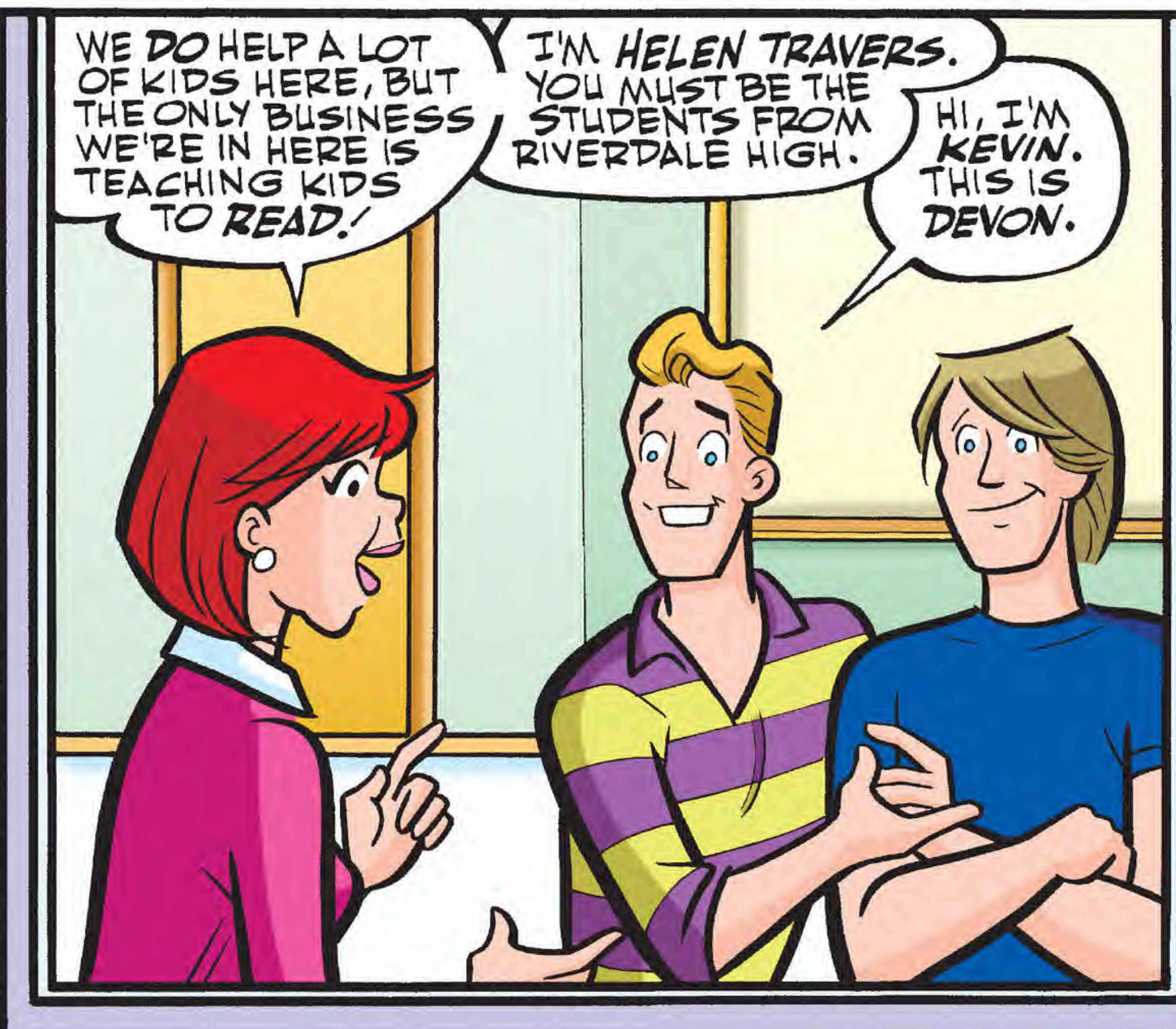
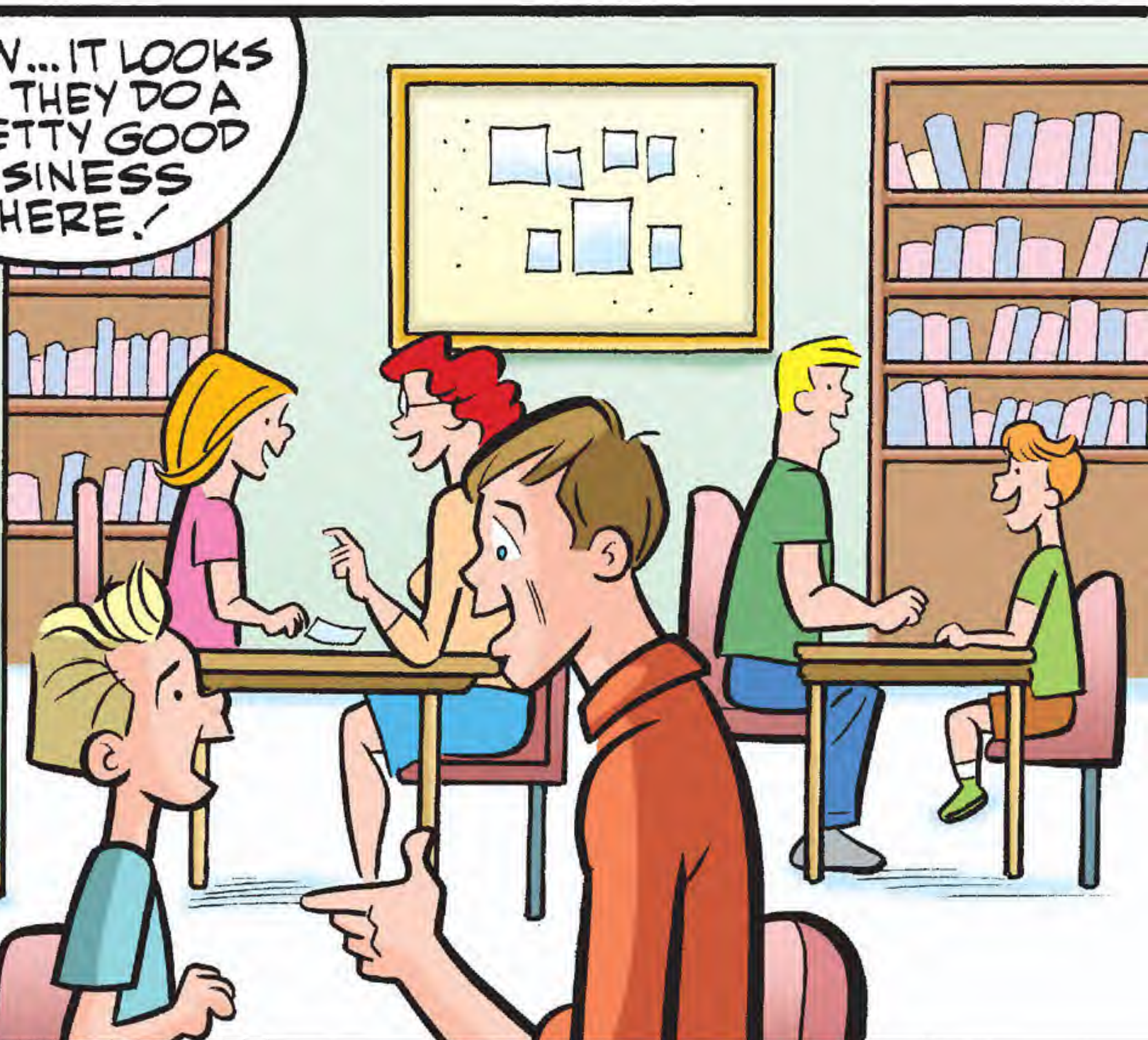
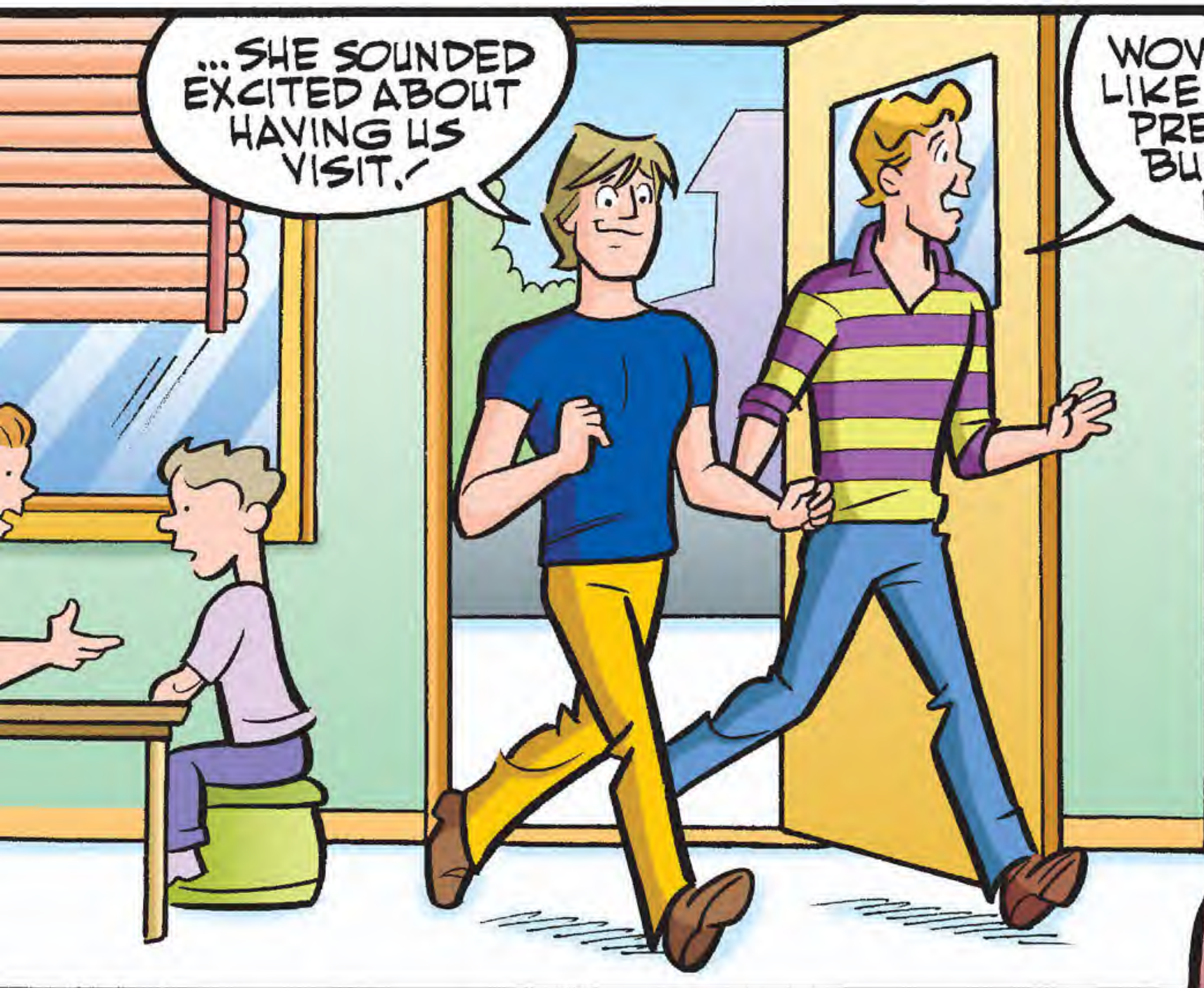
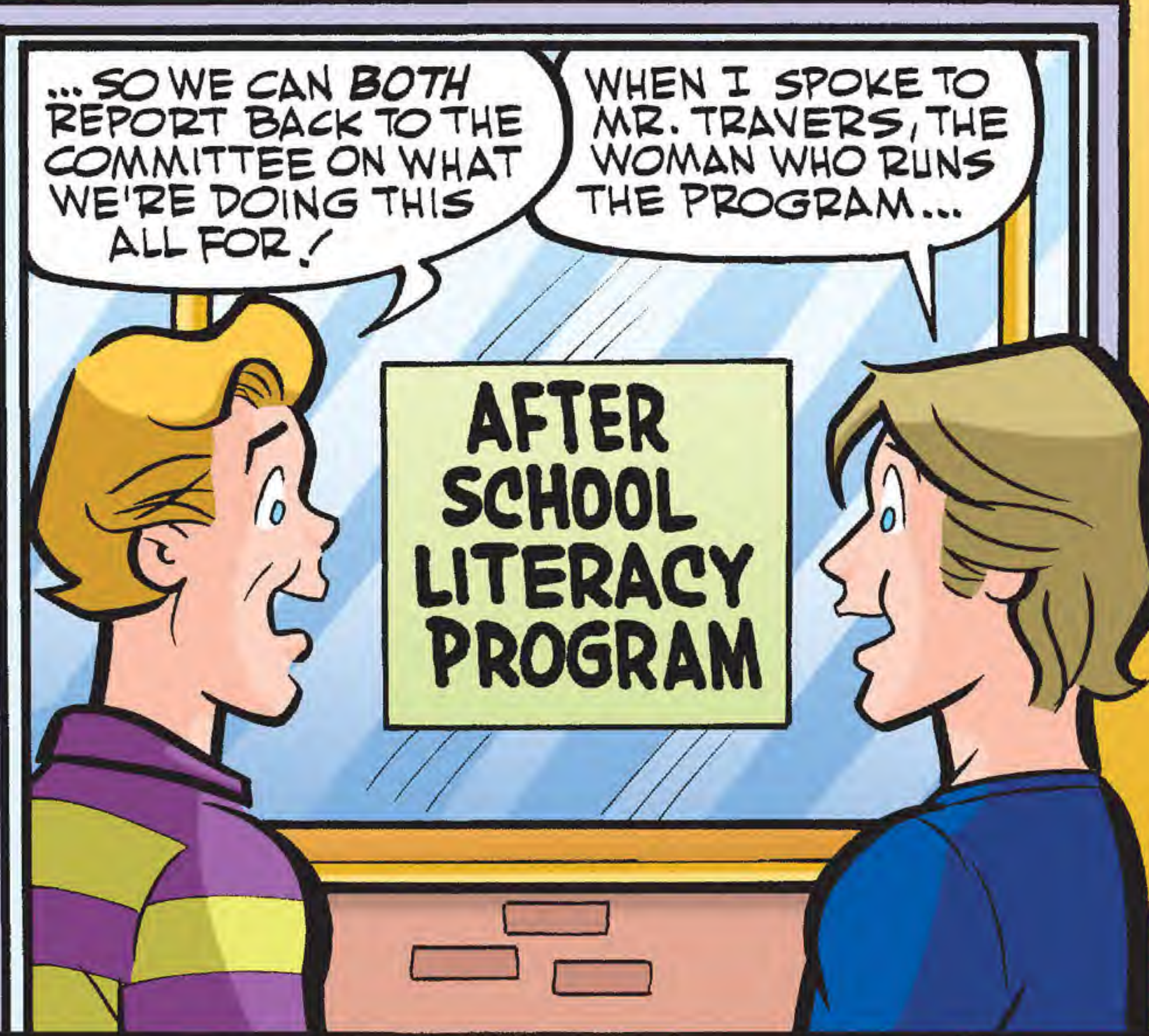
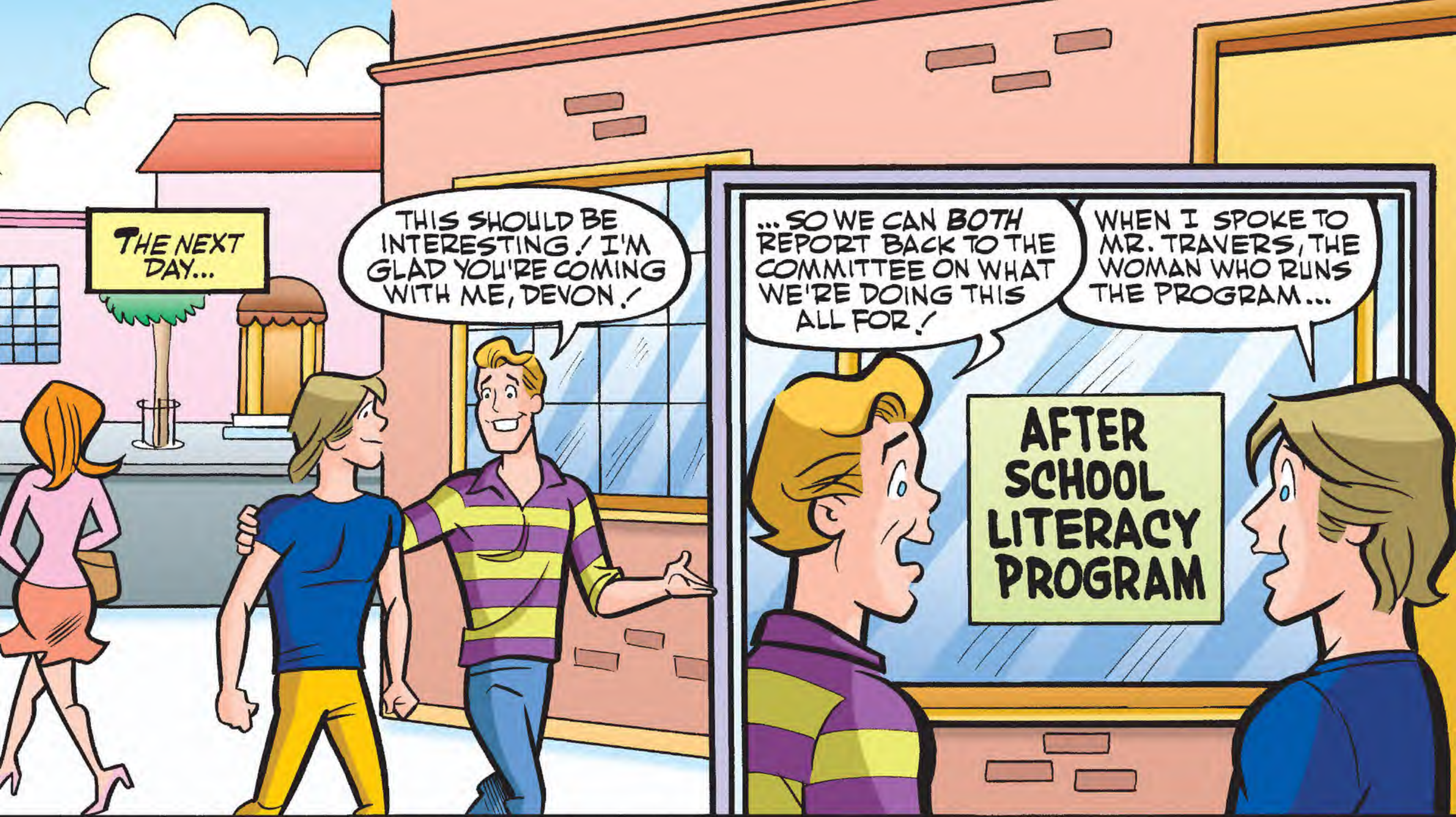
ONE THING'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE **OTHER**, NOW DOES IT?

**SIGH!**  
NO... I GUESS NOT.

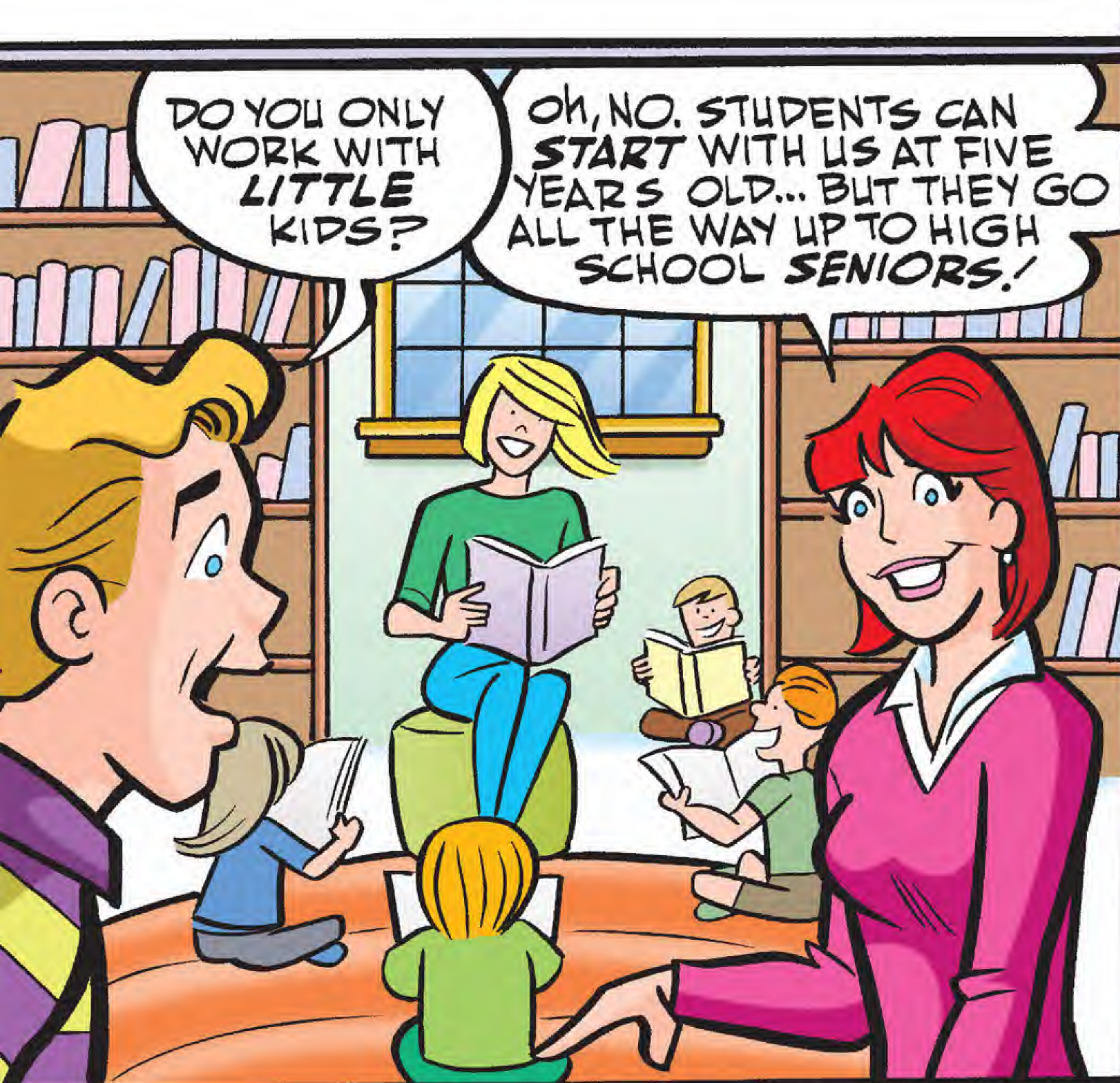
GOOD. THEN I'M SURE YOU'LL FIGURE THIS OUT... BUT AFTER YOU CALL YOUR MOM AND SISTERS TO THE TABLE FOR DINNER.

YES, SIR.









DO YOU ONLY WORK WITH **LITTLE** KIDS?

OH, NO. STUDENTS CAN **START** WITH US AT FIVE YEARS OLD... BUT THEY GO ALL THE WAY UP TO HIGH SCHOOL **SENIORS**!



"THE LIL..... **LITTLE** MONKEY RAN AWAY. THE BIG TIGER... CHA...CHA... **CHASED** HIM..."

UH... AREN'T MOST KIDS TAUGHT TO READ BY HIGH SCHOOL?

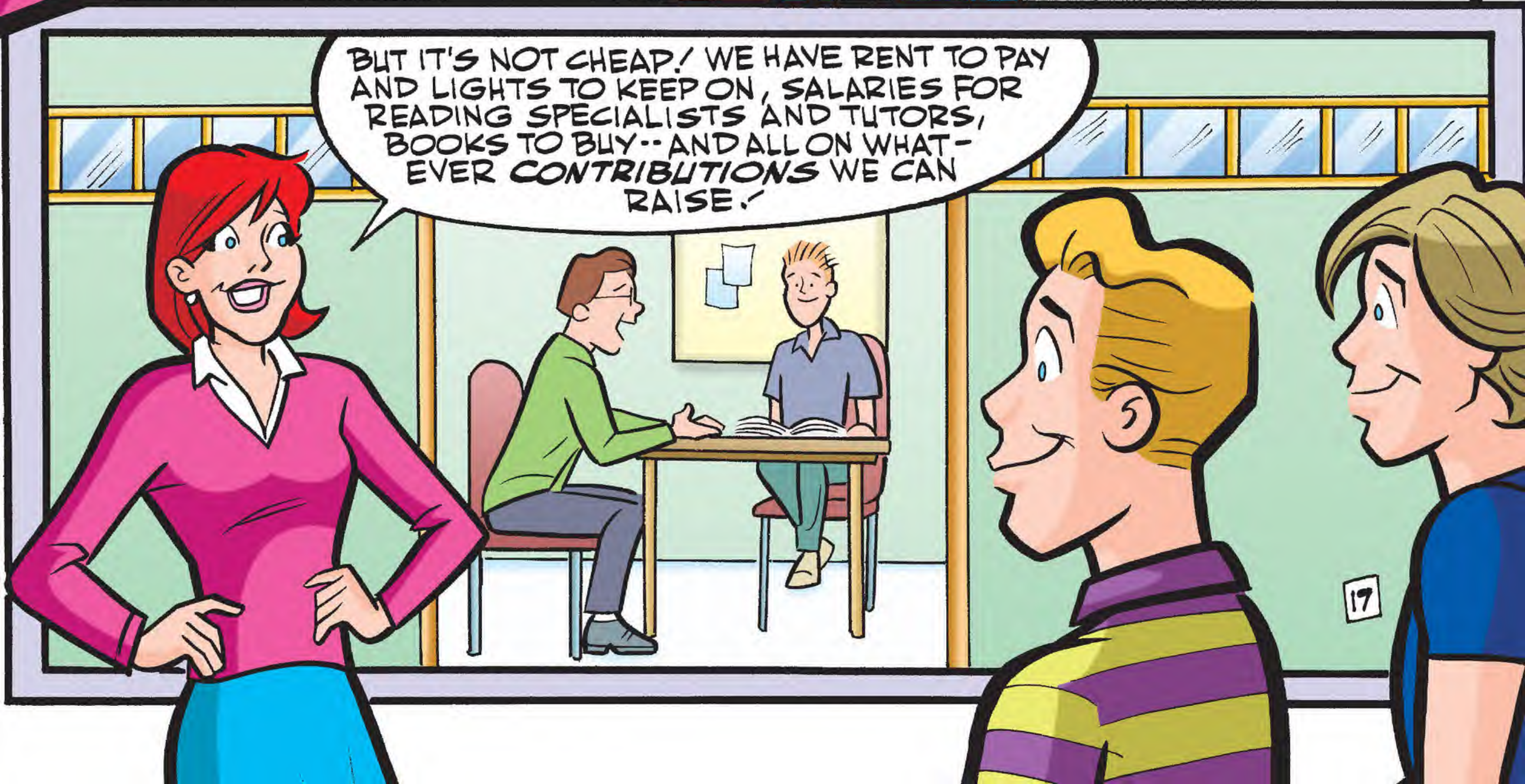
NOT BEING ABLE TO READ ISN'T ALWAYS AS SIMPLE AS NOT HAVING BEEN TAUGHT.



SOME KIDS CAN'T LEARN DUE TO SOME OTHER CAUSE. THEY MIGHT BE **DYSLEXIC**, OR HAVE A FORM OF **A.D.D.**, OR **EMOTIONAL** OR **COGNITIVE** ISSUES THAT INTERFERE WITH THEIR **ABILITY** TO LEARN.

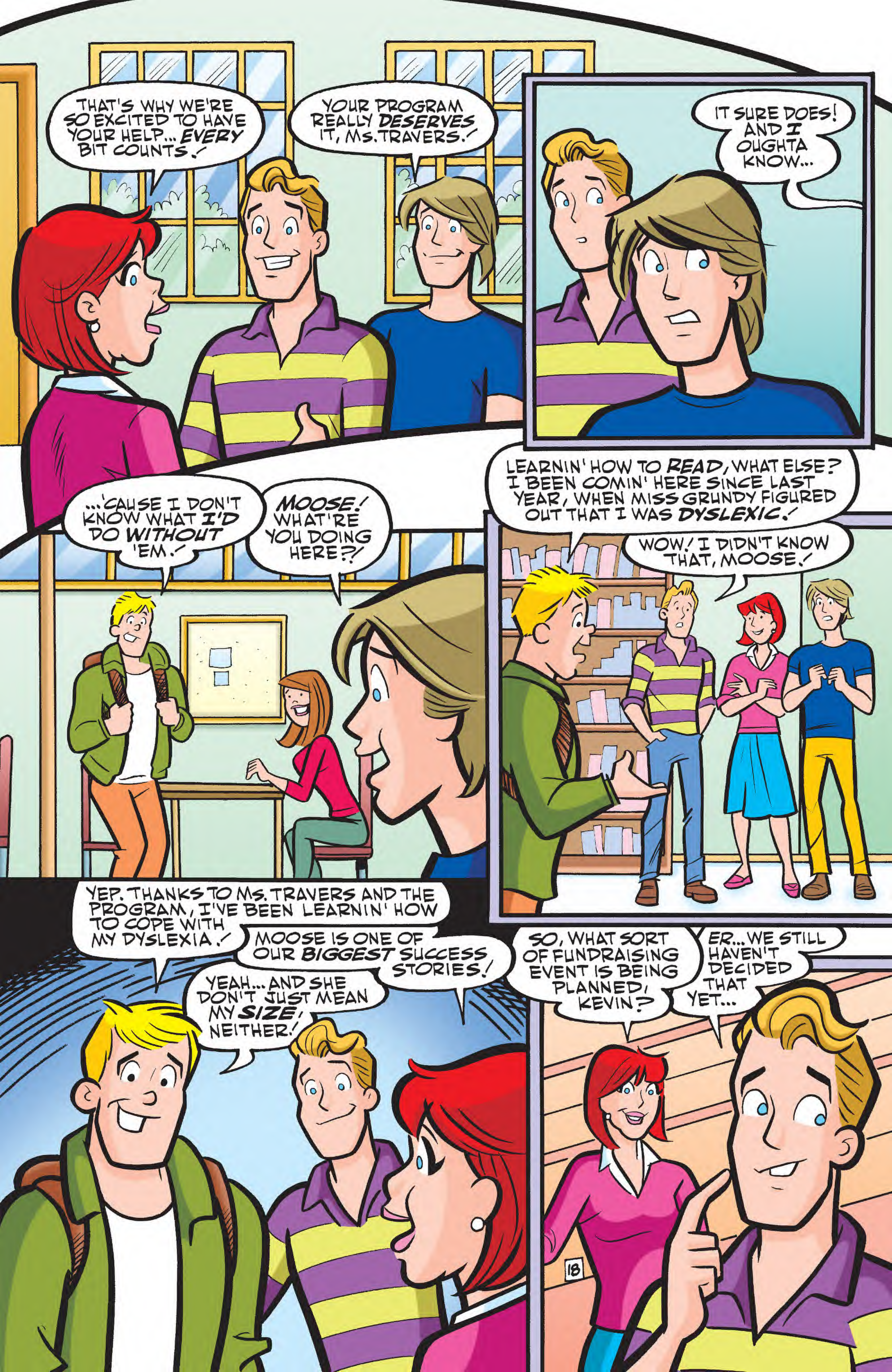


THE ONES WHO JUST HAVEN'T BEEN TAUGHT ARE **EASY** TO HELP. IT'S THE **OTHERS** WE'RE REALLY HERE FOR!



BUT IT'S NOT CHEAP! WE HAVE RENT TO PAY AND LIGHTS TO KEEP ON, SALARIES FOR READING SPECIALISTS AND TUTORS, BOOKS TO BUY--AND ALL ON WHAT-**EVER CONTRIBUTIONS** WE CAN RAISE!





THAT'S WHY WE'RE SO EXCITED TO HAVE YOUR HELP... **EVERY** BIT COUNTS.!

YOUR PROGRAM REALLY **DESERVES** IT, MS. TRAVERS.!

IT SURE DOES! AND I OUGHTA KNOW...

... 'CAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT 'EM.!

**MOOSE!** WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

LEARNIN' HOW TO READ, WHAT ELSE? I BEEN COMIN' HERE SINCE LAST YEAR, WHEN MISS GRUNDY FIGURED OUT THAT I WAS **DYSLEXIC**.!

WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, MOOSE.!

YEP. THANKS TO MS. TRAVERS AND THE PROGRAM, I'VE BEEN LEARNIN' HOW TO COPE WITH MY **DYSLEXIA**.!

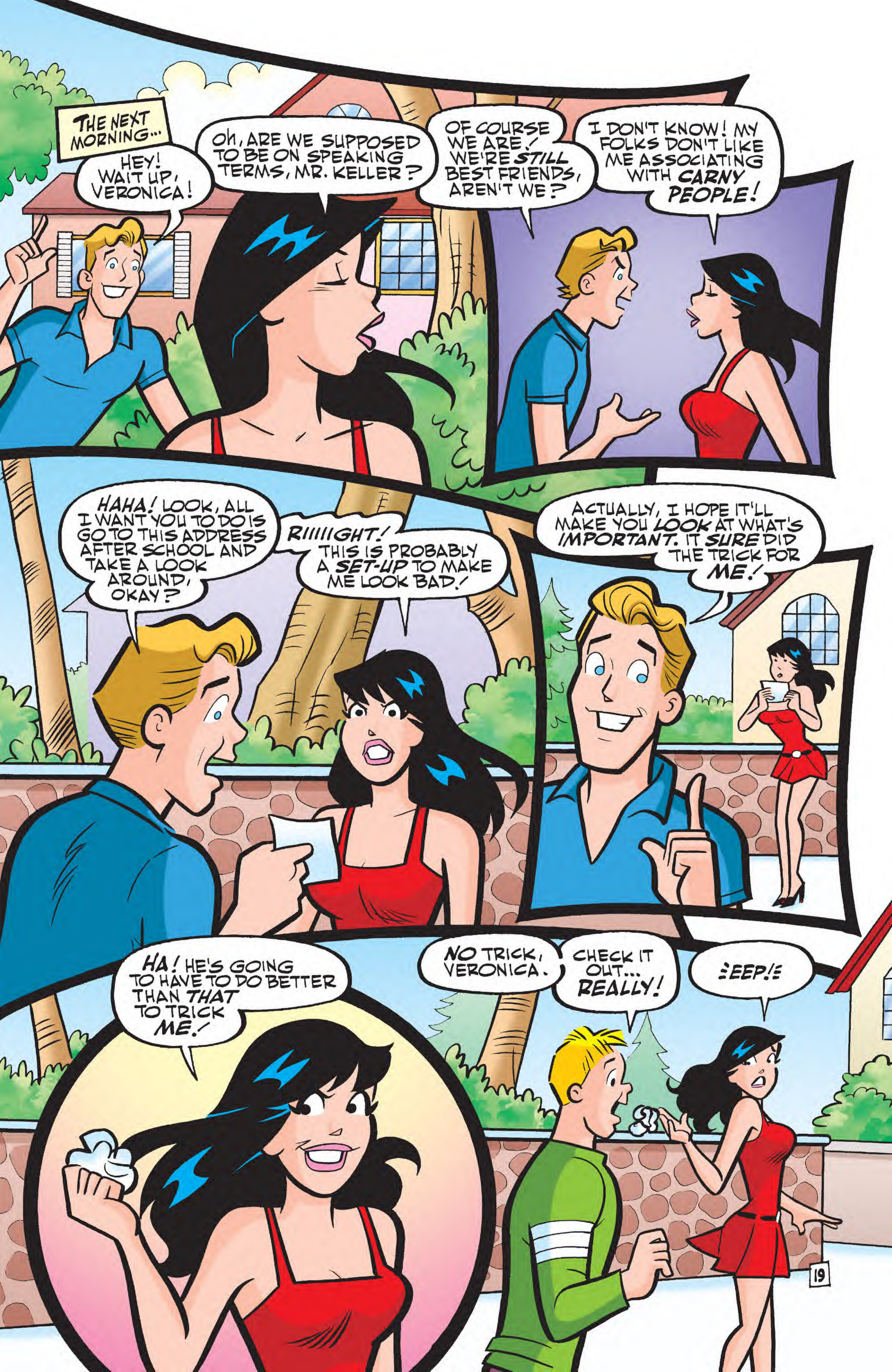
MOOSE IS ONE OF OUR **BIGGEST** SUCCESS STORIES.!

YEAH... AND SHE DON'T JUST MEAN MY **SIZE**, NEITHER.!

SO, WHAT SORT OF FUNDRAISING EVENT IS BEING PLANNED, KEVIN?

ER... WE STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED THAT YET...





THE NEXT MORNING...

HEY! WAIT UP, VERONICA!

OH, ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE ON SPEAKING TERMS, MR. KELLER?

OF COURSE WE ARE! WE'RE *STILL* BEST FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?

I DON'T KNOW! MY FOLKS DON'T LIKE ME ASSOCIATING WITH *CARNY* PEOPLE!

HAHA! LOOK, ALL I WANT YOU TO DO IS GO TO THIS ADDRESS AFTER SCHOOL AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND, OKAY?

RIIIIGHT! THIS IS PROBABLY A *SET-UP* TO MAKE ME LOOK BAD!

ACTUALLY, I HOPE IT'LL MAKE YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S IMPORTANT. IT *SURE* DID THE TRICK FOR ME!

HA! HE'S GOING TO HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN *THAT* TO TRICK ME!

NO TRICK, VERONICA.

CHECK IT OUT... *REALLY!*

*EEP! EEP!*



COME PLAY! COME DANCE!  
COME TO BENEFIT THE  
AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAM!

AND SO...

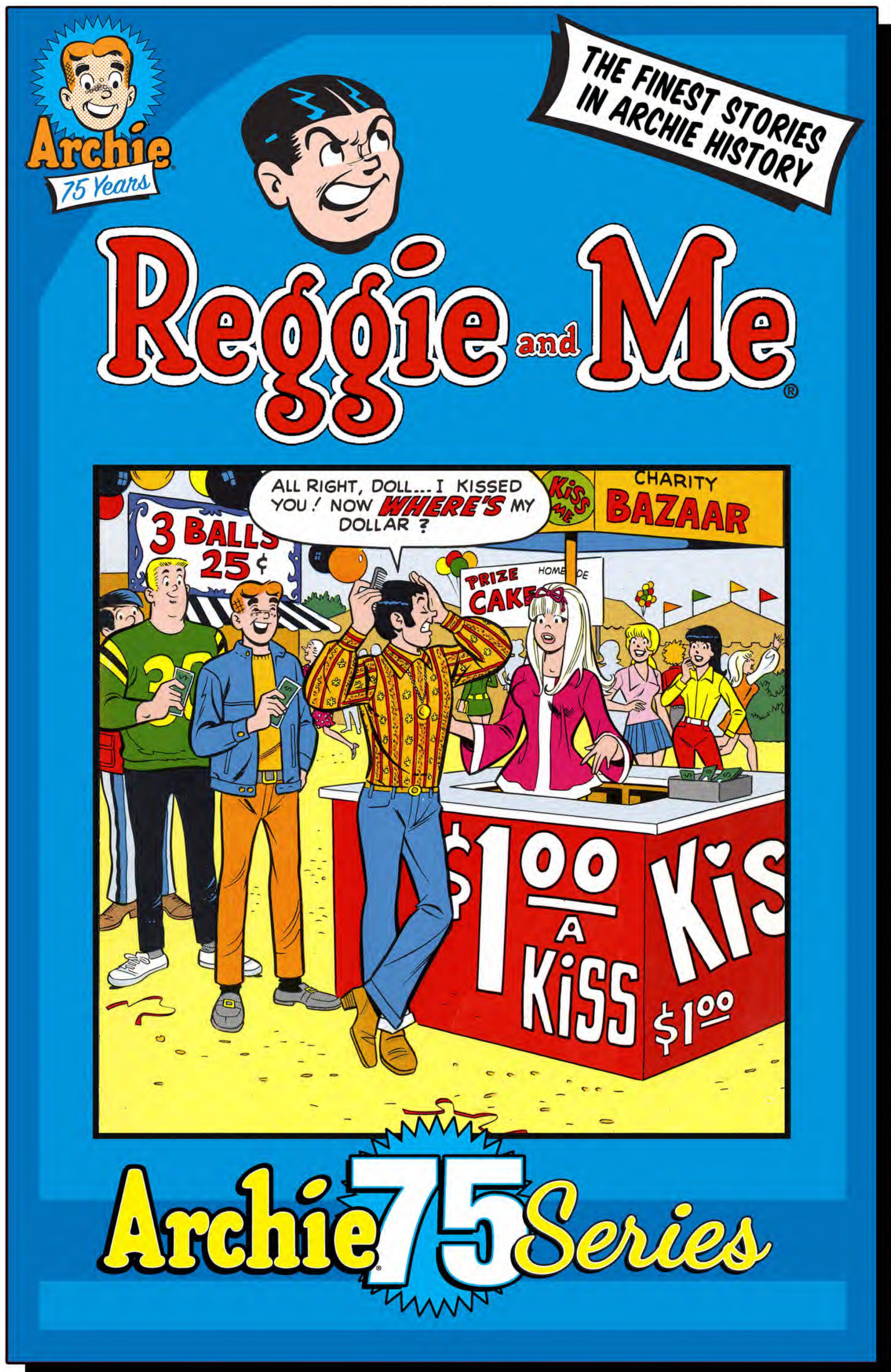
IT'S A **SUCCESS!**  
NOW, WHY DIDN'T WE  
THINK OF **COMBINING**  
OUR IDEAS INTO **ONE**  
EVENT IN THE FIRST  
PLACE, KEVIN?!

I GUESS WE  
WERE BOTH JUST  
TOO **STUBBORN**  
...UNTIL WE  
LEARNED HOW  
TO BETTER  
**READ** THE  
SITUATION!

THE  
END



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